

LA ENFERMEDAD DE ALZHEIMER: UN TRANSTORNO METABOLICO

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¿ Que es la Enfermedad de Alzheimer?

La enfermedad de Alzheimer es la forma de demencia más común y es actualmente en los países desarrollados un problema sanitario muy importante despues de enfermedades cardiovasculares y el cáncer.



- Es una enfermedad neurodegenerativa progresiva.
- Afecta el comportamiento del paciente, el aprendizaje y la habilidad de realizar las actividades de la vida diaria, provocando una pérdida de independencia.
- Es incurable provocando la muerte del paciente.

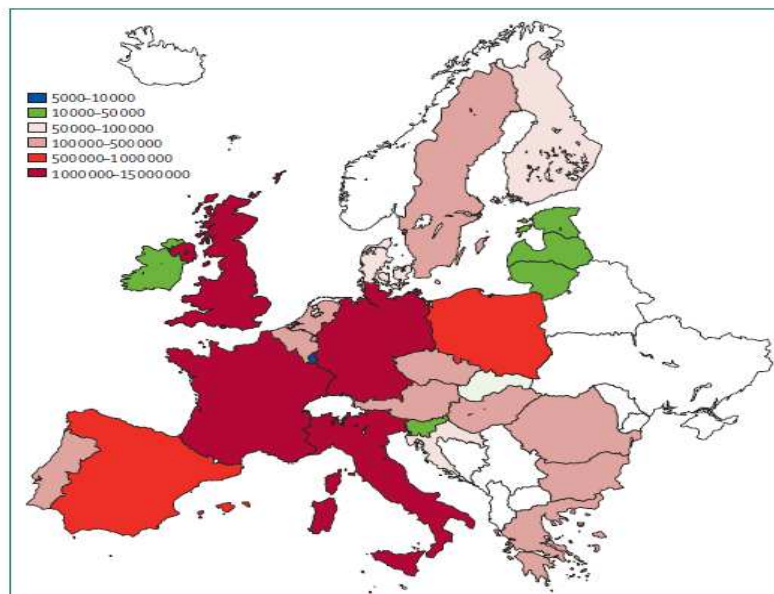


Figure 1: Number of people with dementia in 28 European countries in 2013
 Estimates of the total number of people with dementia in each of 28 European countries were obtained from Alzheimer Europe.¹⁶



ALOIS ALZHEIMER

- Medico Alemán
- Hospital Mental observó a Augusta durante 5 años
- La autopsia reveló (1906) alteraciones en el cerebro



(Left to right) A. Alzheimer, E. Kraepelin, R. Gaupp, and F. Nissl. About 1906.



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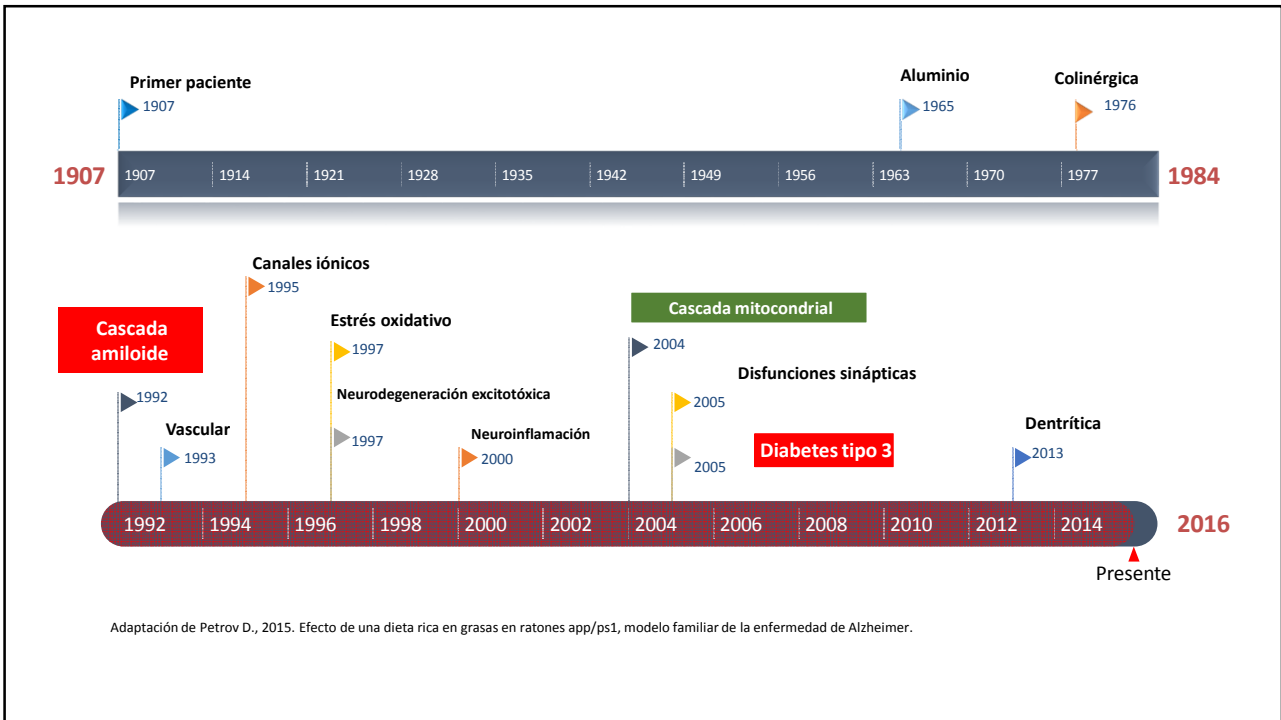
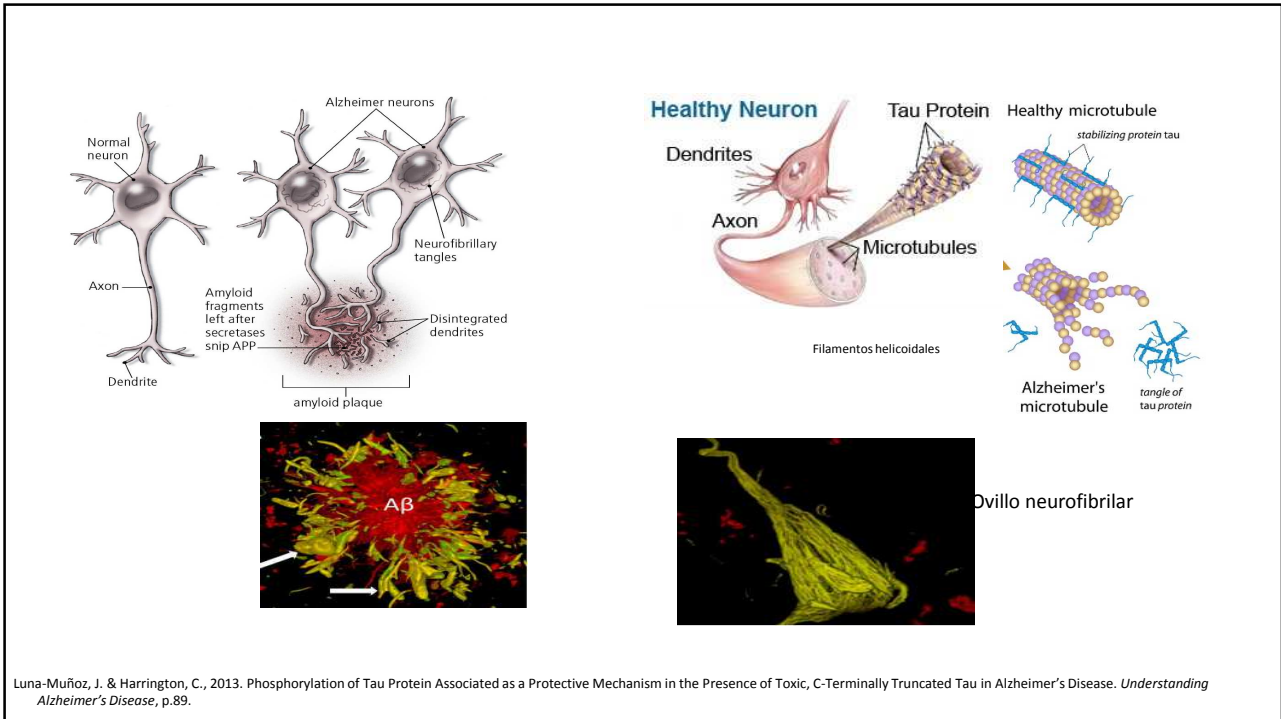
Alzheimer's modern histopathological laboratory in the Psychiatric University Hospital in Munich, 1904.



Alzheimer and coworkers in Munich. Back (left to right): F. Lotmar; unknown; St Rosental; Allers (?); unknown; A. Alzheimer; N. Achucarro, F. H. Levy. Front (left to right): Frau Grombach; U. Cerletti; unknown; F. Bonfiglio; G. Perusini. About 1909.



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The amyloid hypothesis of Alzheimer's disease at 25 years

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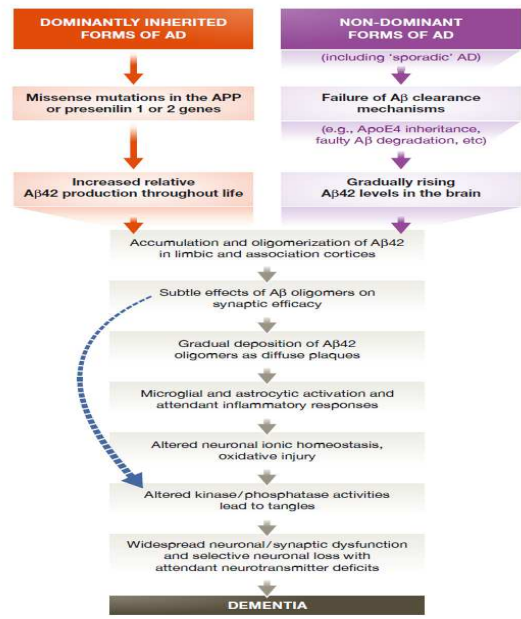
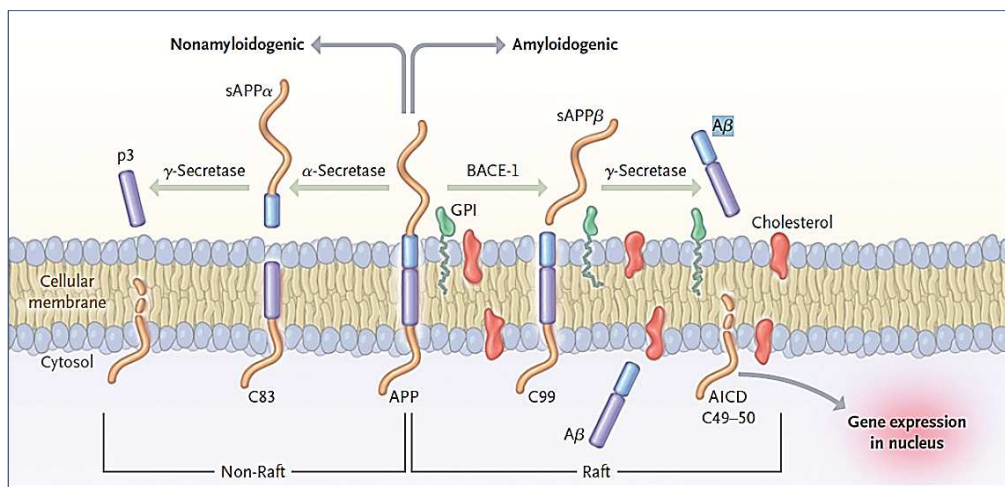


Figure 1. The sequence of major pathogenic events leading to AD proposed by the amyloid cascade hypothesis. The curved blue arrow indicates that Aβ oligomers may directly injure the synapses and neurites of brain neurons, in addition to activating microglia and astrocytes.



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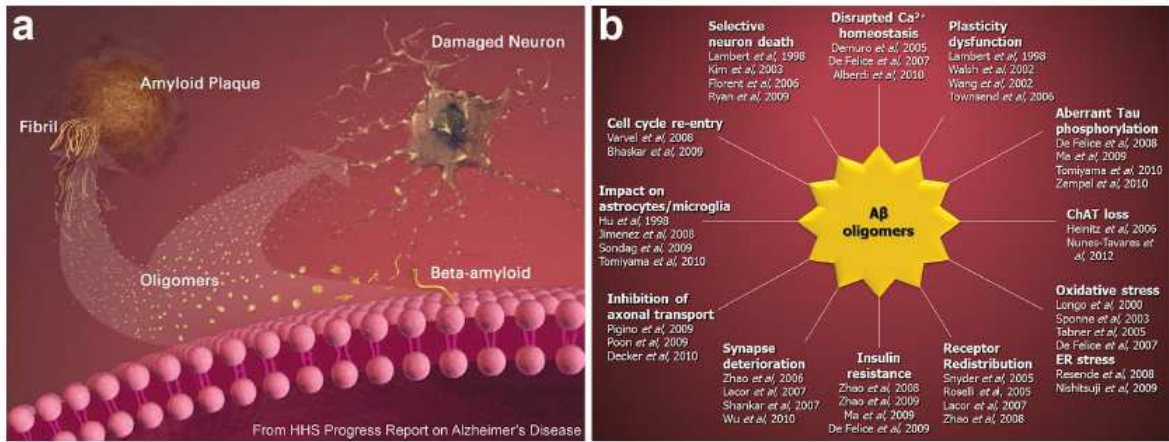
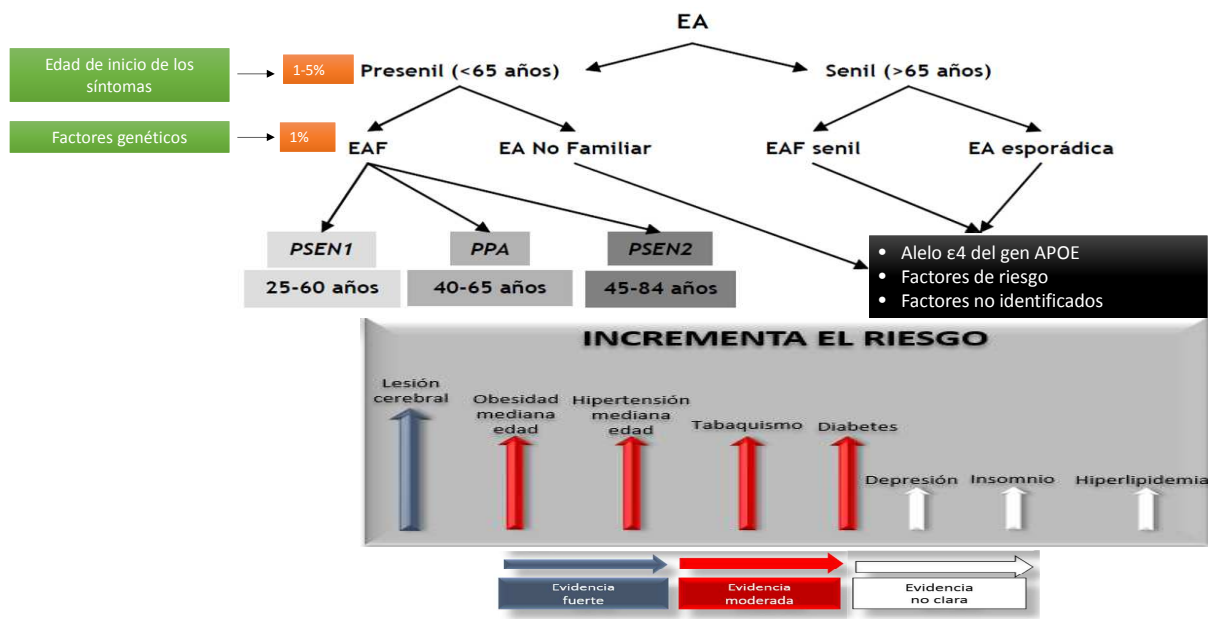
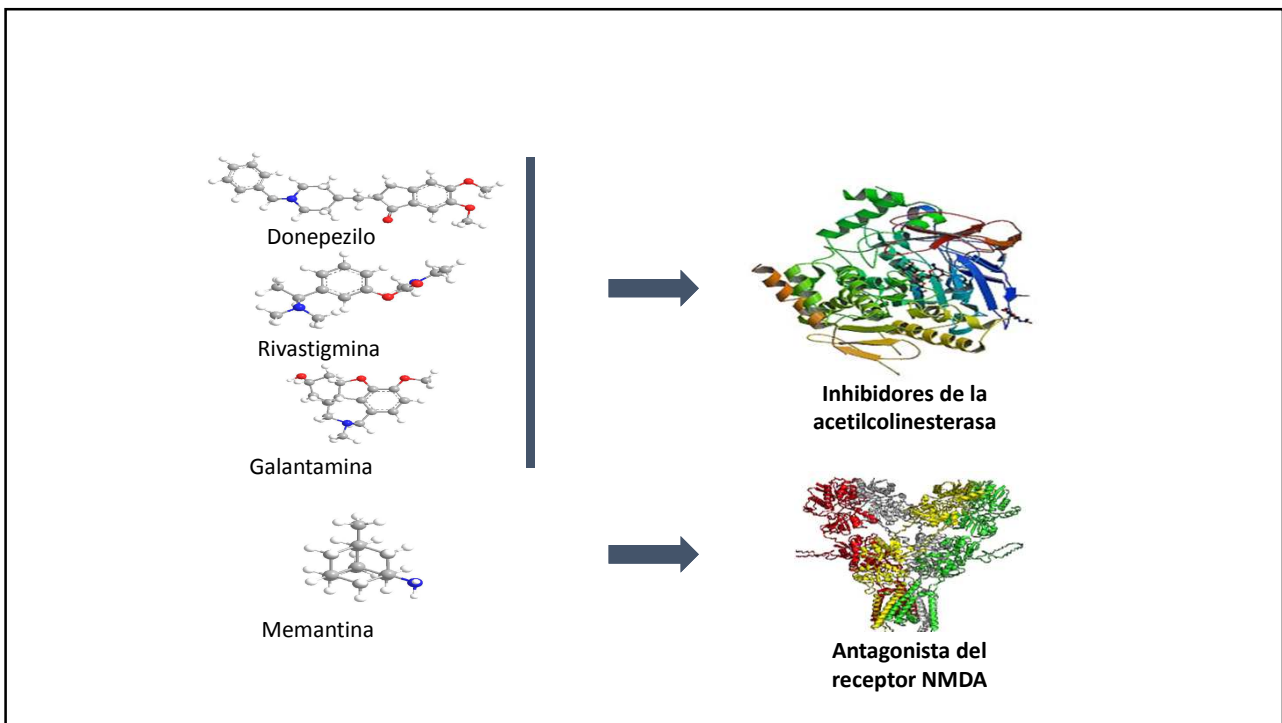
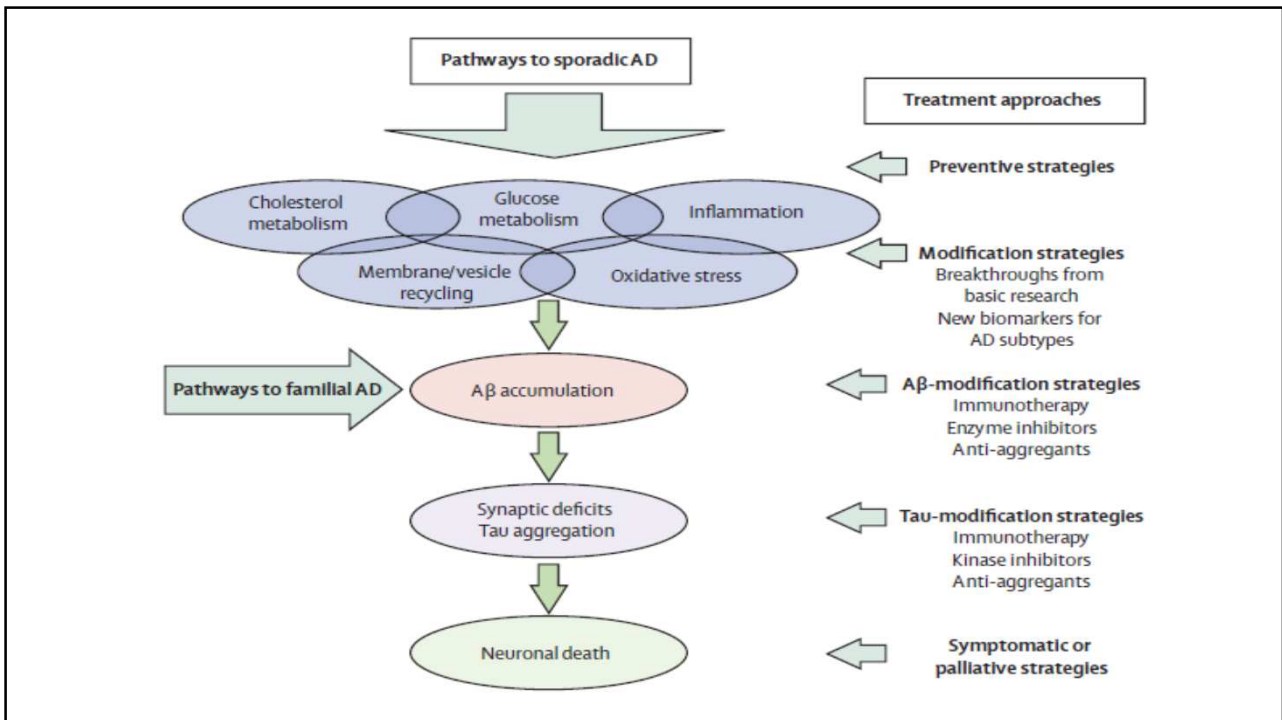


Fig. 1 Aβ oligomers (AβOs) instigate neuron damage in Alzheimer's disease. **a** Oligomeric Aβ, rather than insoluble amyloid species, instigates neuron damage in AD (adapted from the "2004/2005 Pro-

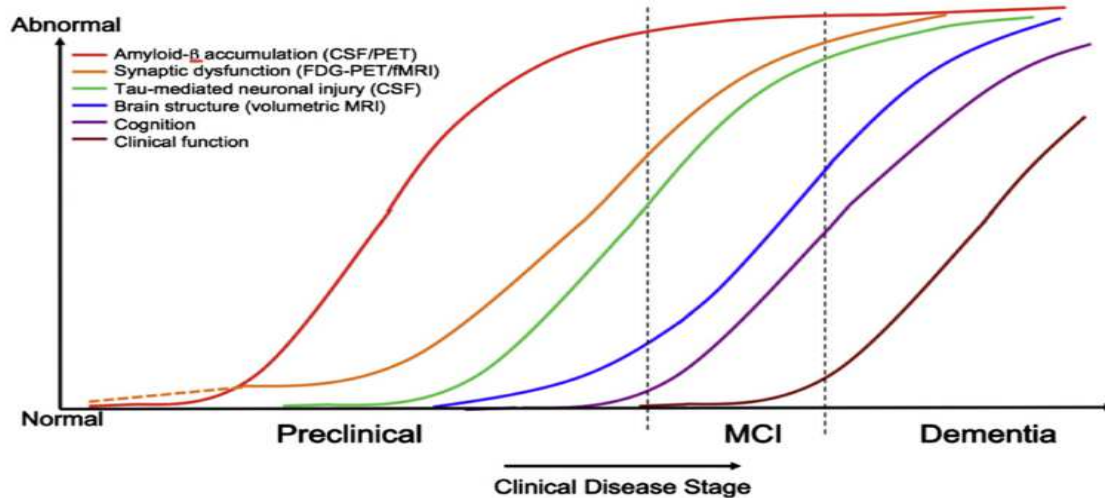
gress Report on Alzheimer's disease" Health and Human Services). **b** AD-associated changes attributed to AβOs



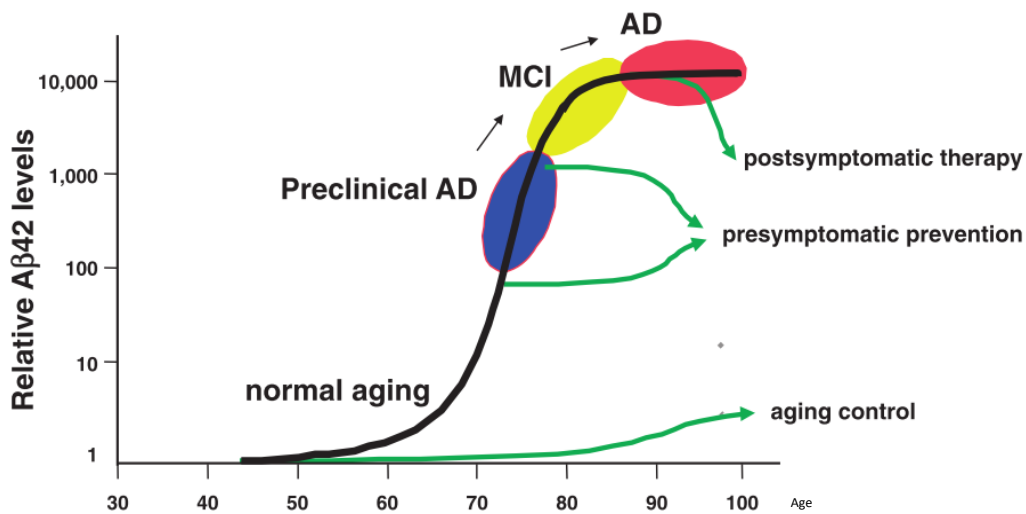


NOMBRE DEL MEDICAMENTO	TIPO DE MEDICAMENTO Y USO
Aricept® (donepezilo) Previene la descomposición de la acetilcolina en el cerebro.	Inhibidor de colinesterasa recetado para el tratamiento de los síntomas de grado leve, moderado, y severo de la enfermedad de Alzheimer.
Exelon® (rivastigmina) Previene la descomposición de la acetilcolina en el cerebro y de la butirilcolina (un compuesto químico del cerebro similar a la acetilcolina).	Inhibidor de colinesterasa recetado para el tratamiento de los síntomas de grado leve a moderado de la enfermedad de Alzheimer. (El parche también es para casos de grado severo).
Razadyne® (galantamina) Previene la descomposición de la acetilcolina y estimula la liberación de niveles más altos de acetilcolina en el cerebro por los receptores nicotínicos.	Inhibidor de colinesterasa recetado para el tratamiento de los síntomas de grado leve a moderado de la enfermedad de Alzheimer.
Namenda® (memantina) Bloquea los efectos tóxicos asociados con el exceso de glutamato y regula la activación del glutamato.	Antagonista del N-metil D-aspartato (NMDA) recetado para el tratamiento de los síntomas de grado moderado a severo de la enfermedad de Alzheimer.

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The antibody aducanumab reduces Aβ plaques in Alzheimer's disease

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Alzheimer's disease (AD) is characterized by deposition of amyloid-β (Aβ) plaques and neurofibrillary tangles in the brain, accompanied by synaptic dysfunction and neurodegeneration. Antibody-based immunotherapy against Aβ to trigger its clearance or mitigate its neurotoxicity has so far been unsuccessful. Here we report the generation of aducanumab, a human monoclonal antibody that selectively targets aggregated Aβ. In a transgenic mouse model of AD, aducanumab is shown to enter the brain, bind parenchymal Aβ, and reduce soluble and insoluble Aβ in a dose-dependent manner. In patients with prodromal or mild AD, one year of monthly intravenous infusions of aducanumab reduces brain Aβ in a dose- and time-dependent manner. This is accompanied by a slowing of clinical decline measured by Clinical Dementia Rating–Sum of Boxes and Mini Mental State Examination scores. The main safety and tolerability findings are amyloid-related imaging abnormalities. These results justify further development of aducanumab for the treatment of AD. Should the slowing of clinical decline be confirmed in ongoing phase 3 clinical trials, it would provide compelling support for the amyloid hypothesis.

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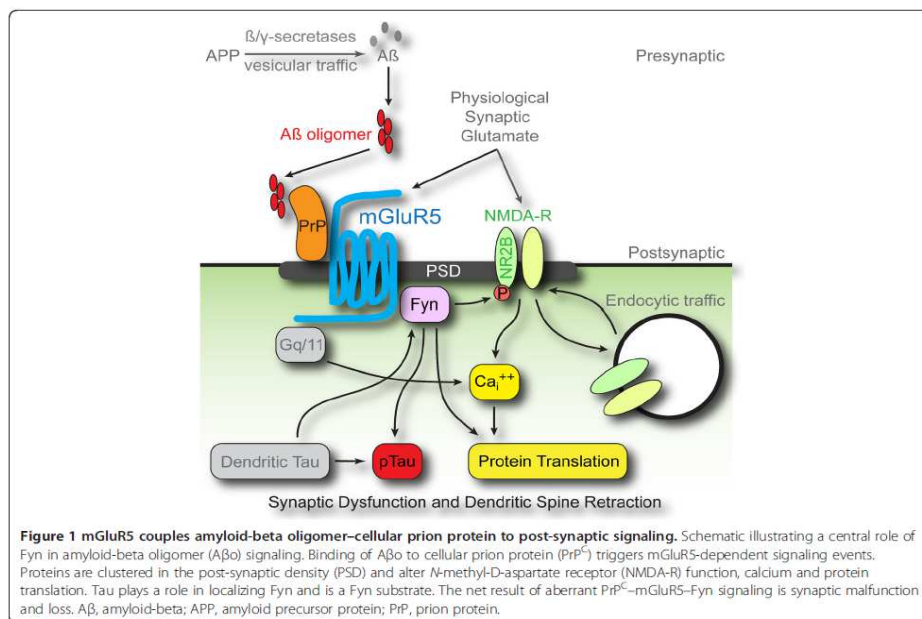
Masitinib for the treatment of mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease

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Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a degenerative neurological disorder that is the most common cause of dementia and disability in older patients. Available treatments are symptomatic in nature and are only sufficient to improve the quality of life of AD patients temporarily. A potential strategy, currently under investigation, is to target cell-signaling pathways associated with neurodegeneration, in order to decrease neuroinflammation, excitotoxicity, and to improve cognitive functions. Current review centers on the role of neuroinflammation and the specific contribution of mast cells to AD pathophysiology. The authors look at masitinib therapy and the evidence presented through preclinical and clinical trials. Dual actions of masitinib as an inhibitor of mast cell–glia axis and a Fyn kinase blocker are discussed in the context of AD pathology. Masitinib is in Phase III clinical trials for the treatment of malignant melanoma, mastocytosis, multiple myeloma, gastrointestinal cancer and pancreatic cancer. It is also in Phase I/II clinical trials for the treatment of multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and AD. Additional research is warranted to better investigate the potential effects of masitinib in combination with other drugs employed in AD treatment.





Early alterations in energy metabolism in the hippocampus of APP^{swe}/PS1^{dE9} mouse model of Alzheimer's disease



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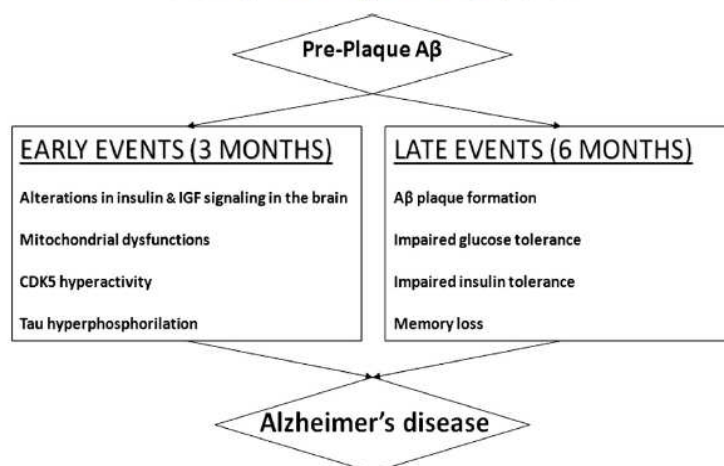
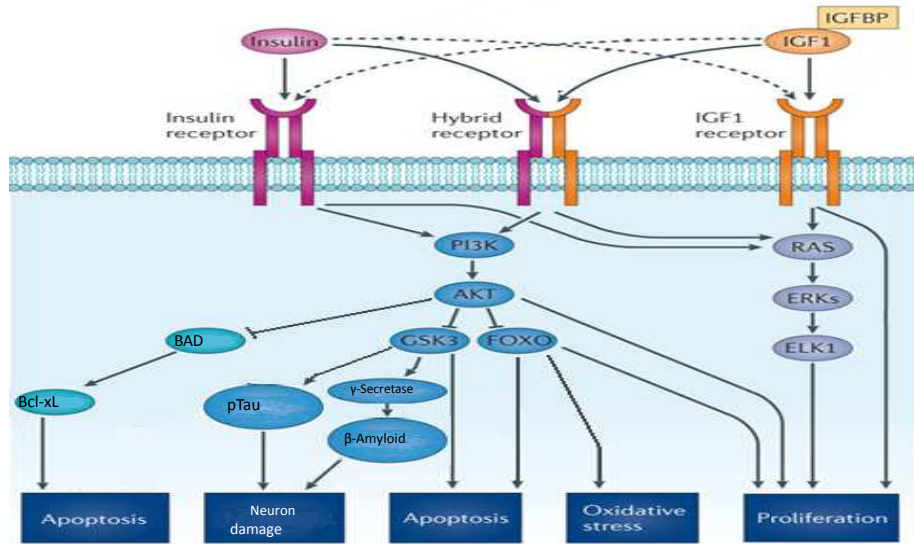


Fig. 9. Summary of the events, leading to the progressive amyloid plaque deposition and memory loss in an APP/PS1 mouse model of FAD.

SEÑALIZACIÓN DE LA INSULINA



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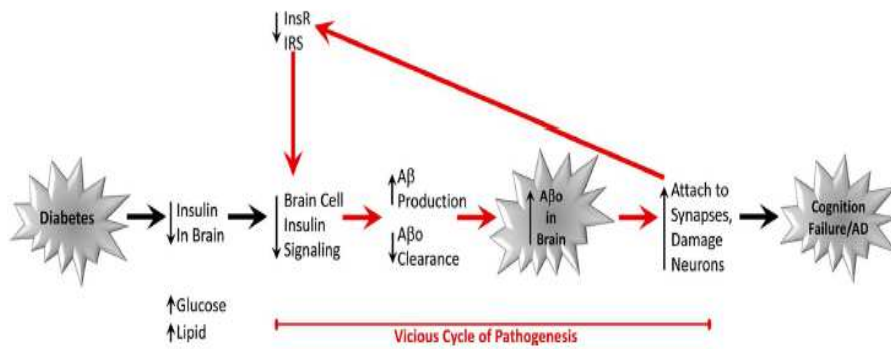


Fig. 3 Dysfunctional insulin signaling induced by A β O provides one link to AD etiology. Diabetes causes a reduction in brain insulin and brain insulin signaling as well as an increase in glucose and lipids. This leads to an increase in A β production and a reduction in A β O clearance, causing a buildup of oligomers in the brain. As A β O

levels rise, they bind synapses and cause neuronal damage, resulting in a decrease in insulin receptors and further reducing insulin signaling in brain cells. This vicious cycle results in cognitive failure and AD

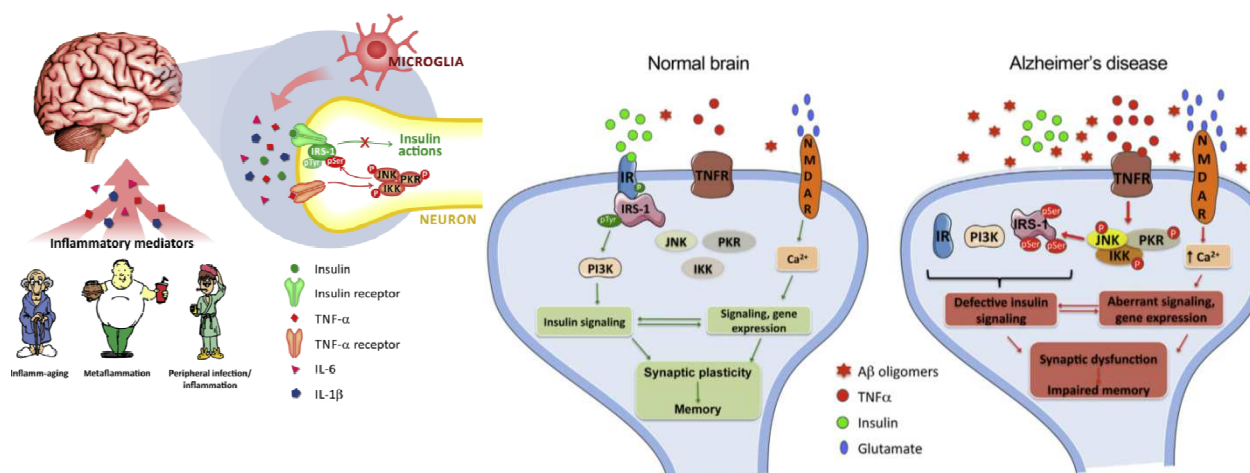
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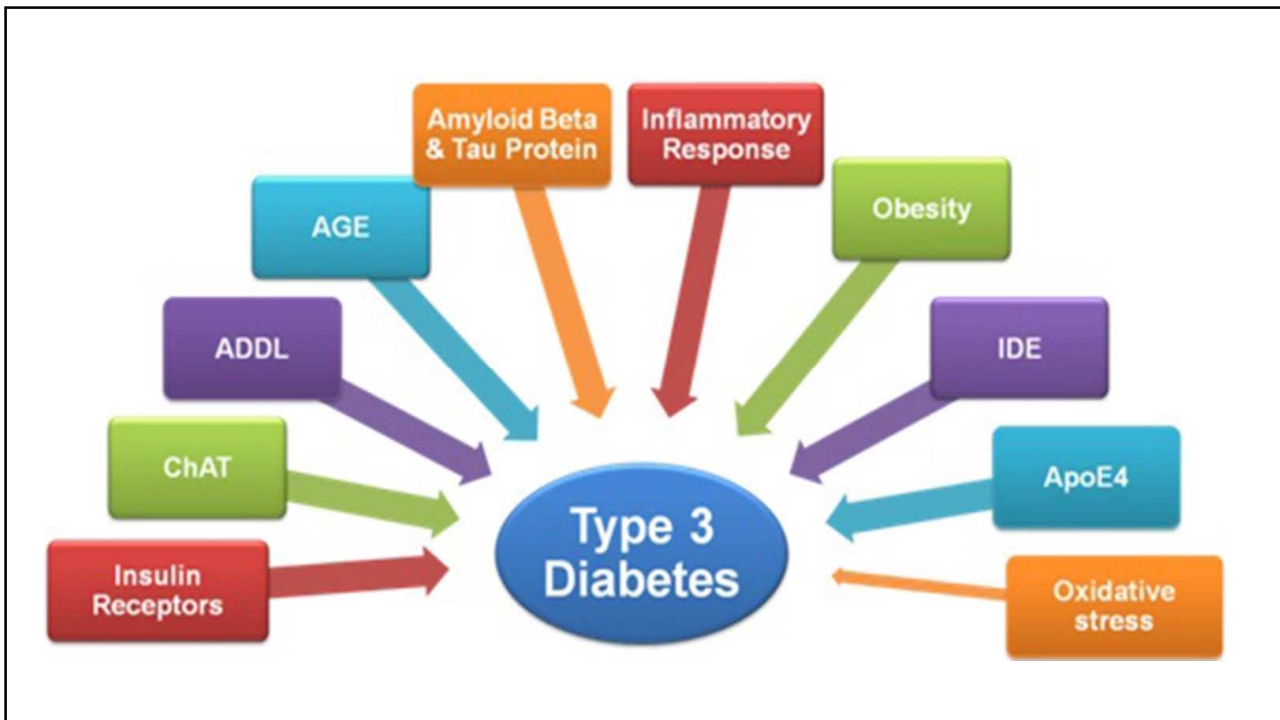
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To elucidate the functional role of hippocampal IRs independent of metabolic function, we generated a model of hippocampal-specific insulin resistance using a lentiviral vector expressing an IR antisense sequence (LV-IRAS). LV-IRAS effectively downregulates IR expression in the rat hippocampus without affecting body weight, adiposity, or peripheral glucose homeostasis.

How does brain insulin resistance develop in Alzheimer's disease?





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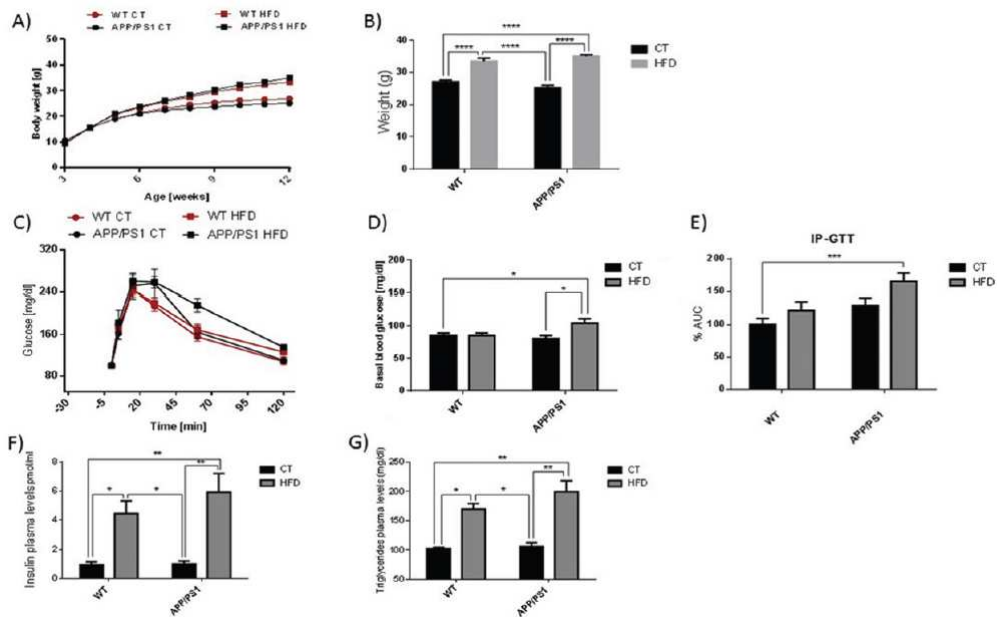
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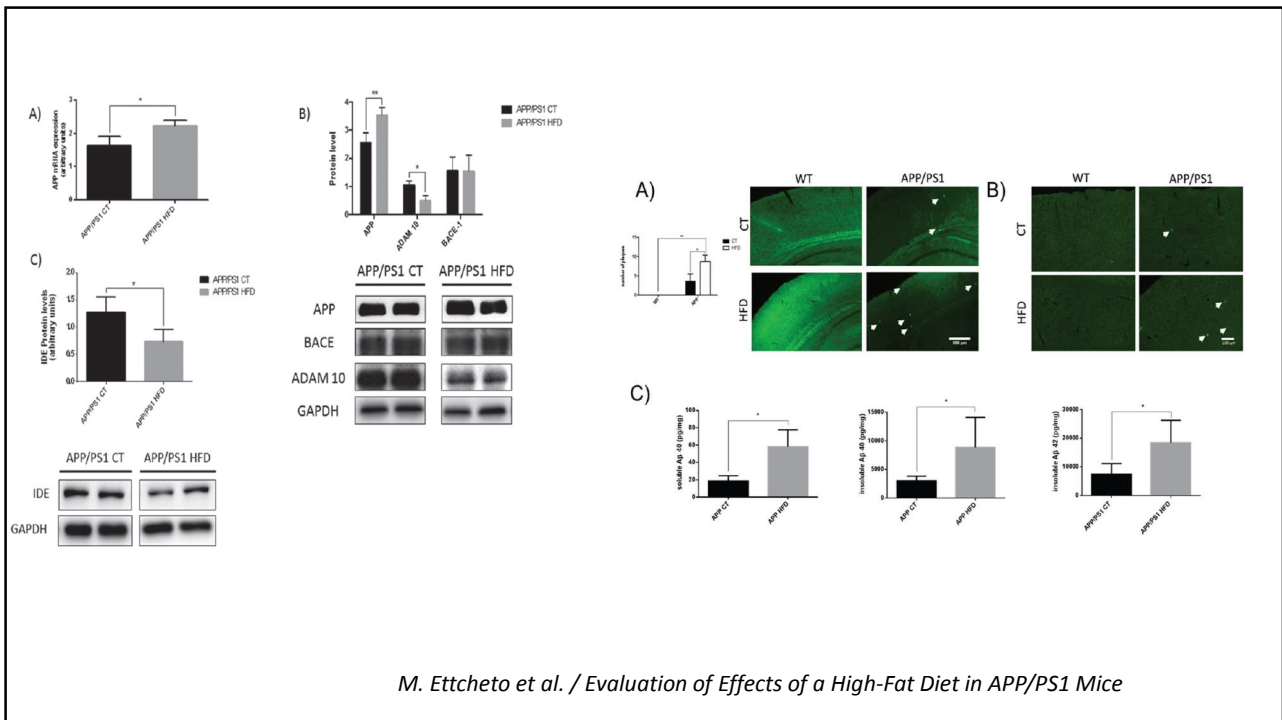
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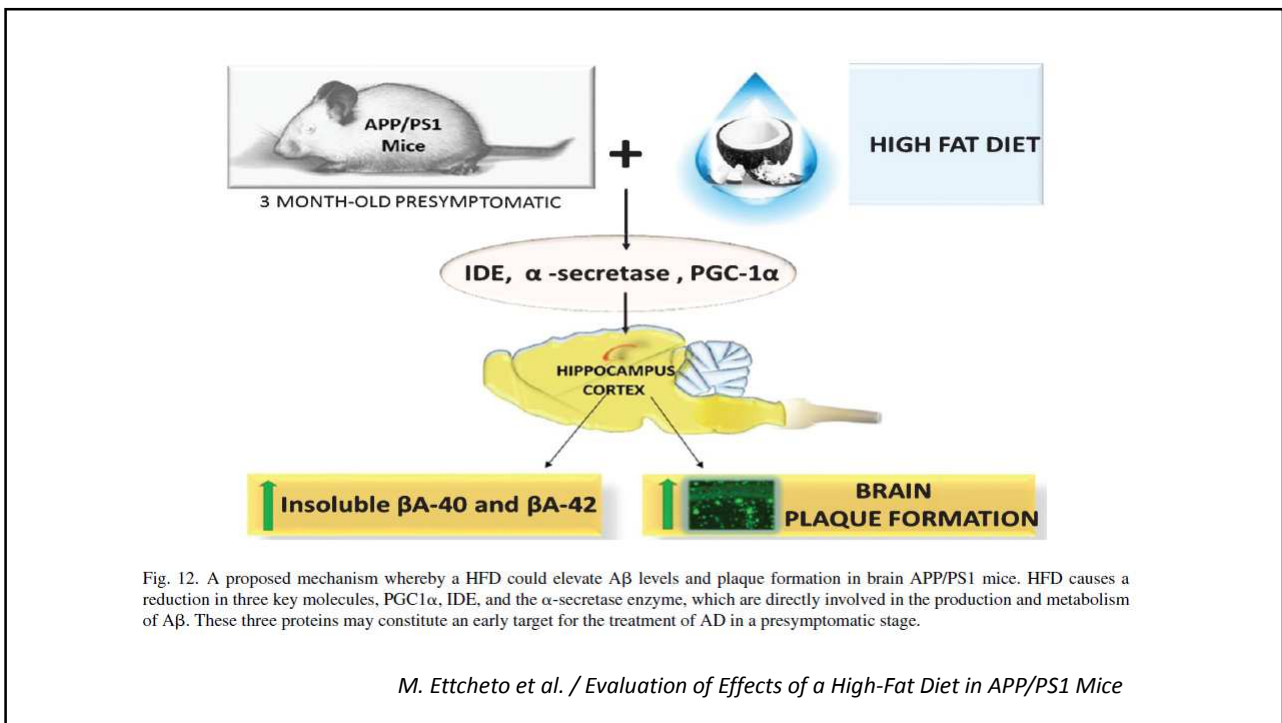


Fig. 12. A proposed mechanism whereby a HFD could elevate Aβ levels and plaque formation in brain APP/PS1 mice. HFD causes a reduction in three key molecules, PGC1α, IDE, and the α-secretase enzyme, which are directly involved in the production and metabolism of Aβ. These three proteins may constitute an early target for the treatment of AD in a presymptomatic stage.

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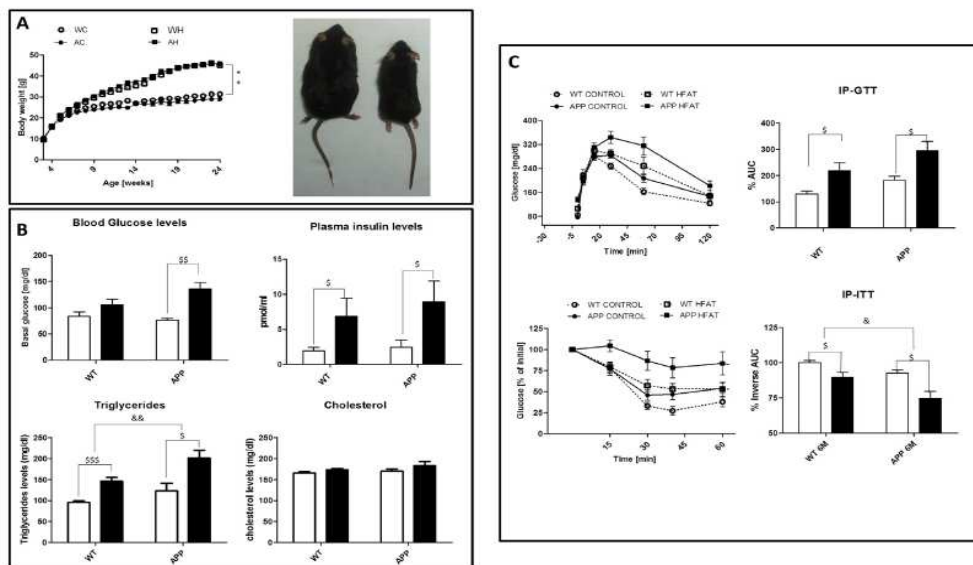
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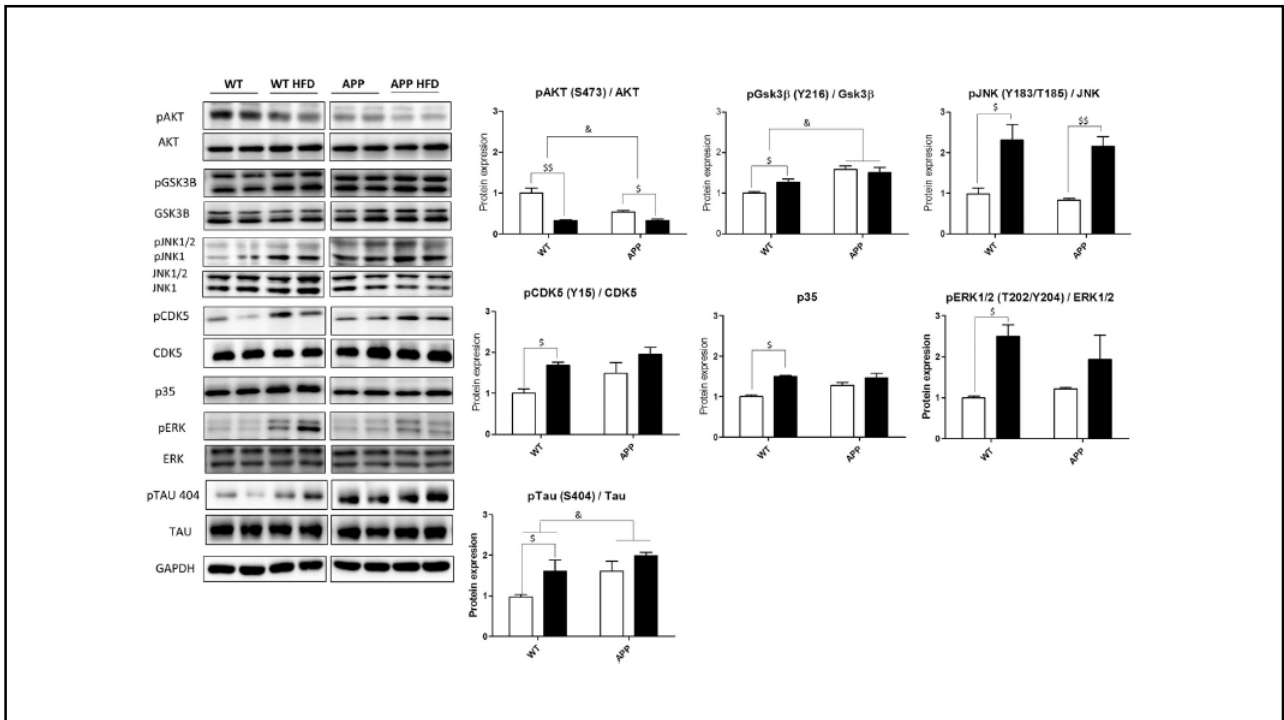
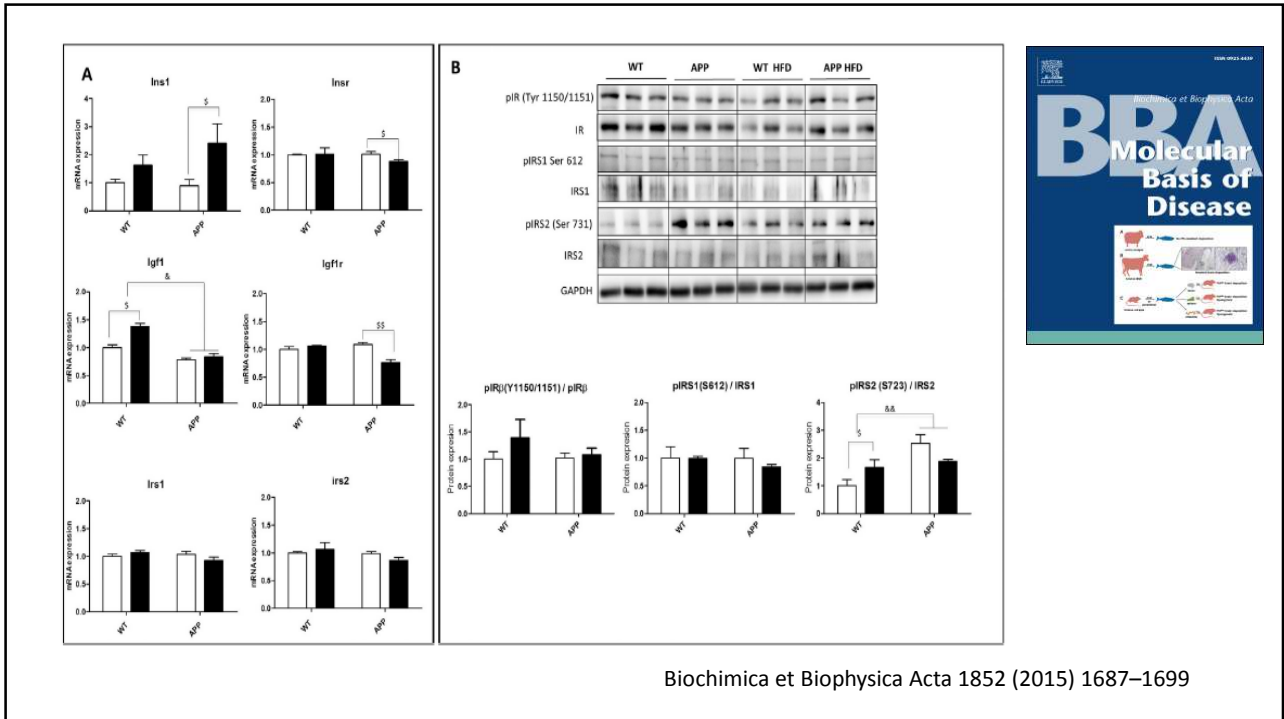
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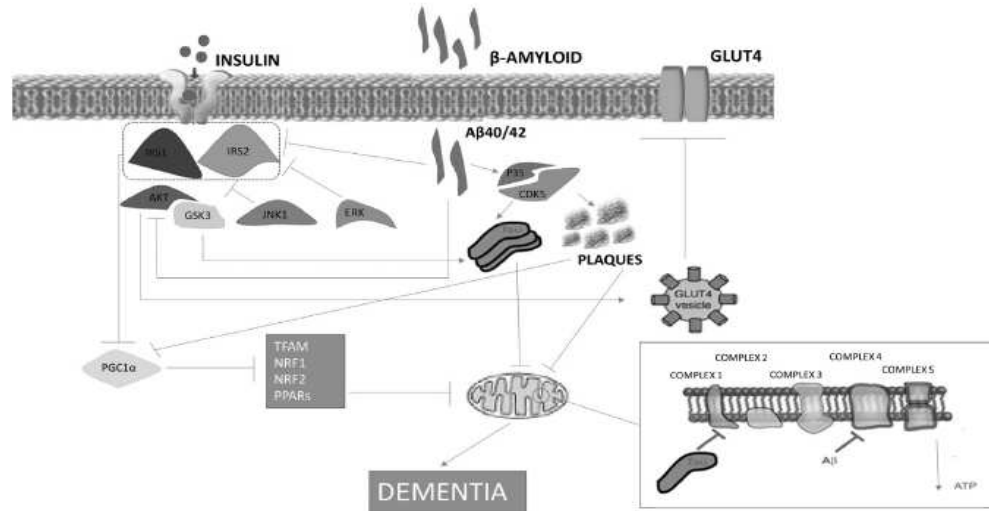
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Evaluation of the Role of JNK1 in the Hippocampus in an Experimental Model of Familial Alzheimer's Disease

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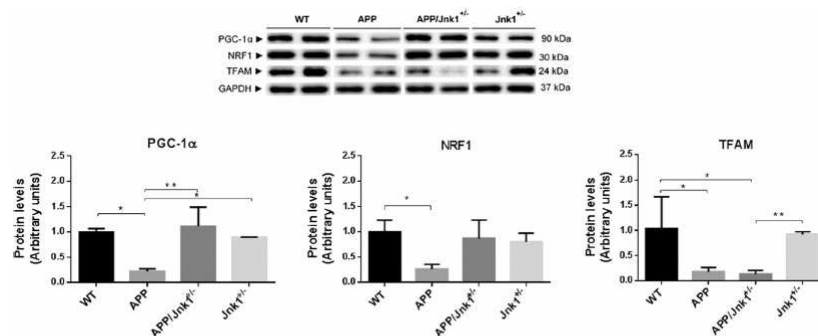


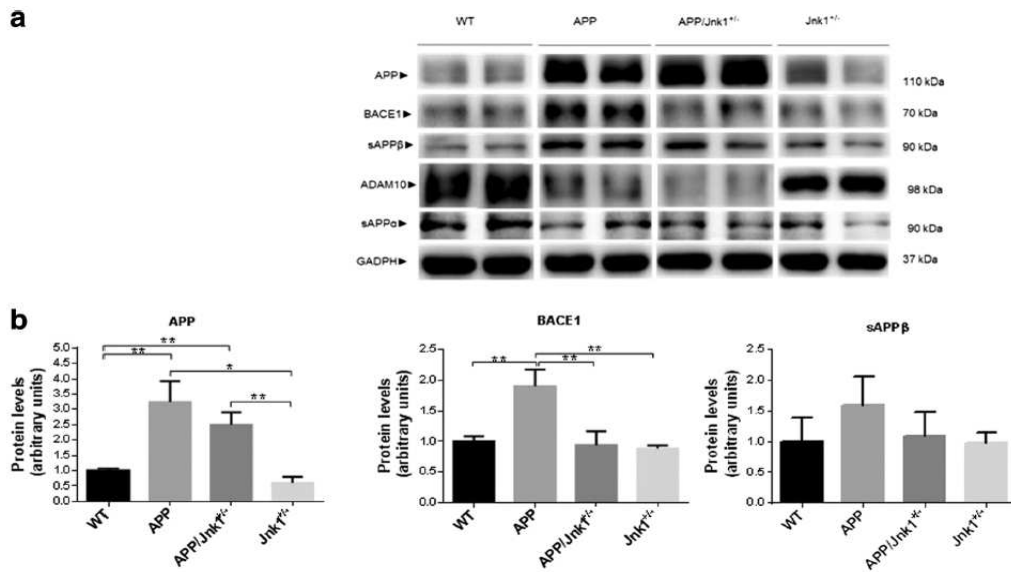
Fig. 2 a Representative immunoblot images and b quantification of key molecules involved in mitochondrial regulation in the hippocampus of 9-month-old WT, APPsw/PS1dE9, APPsw/PS1dE9/Jnk1^{+/-}, and Jnk1^{-/-}

– mice ($n=4-6$ independent biological replicates per group). Statistical analysis was performed with regular one-way ANOVA, with Tukey's post hoc test: * $p<0.05$; ** $p<0.01$

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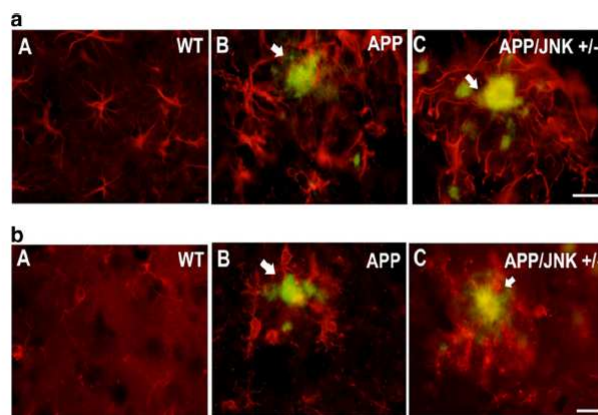
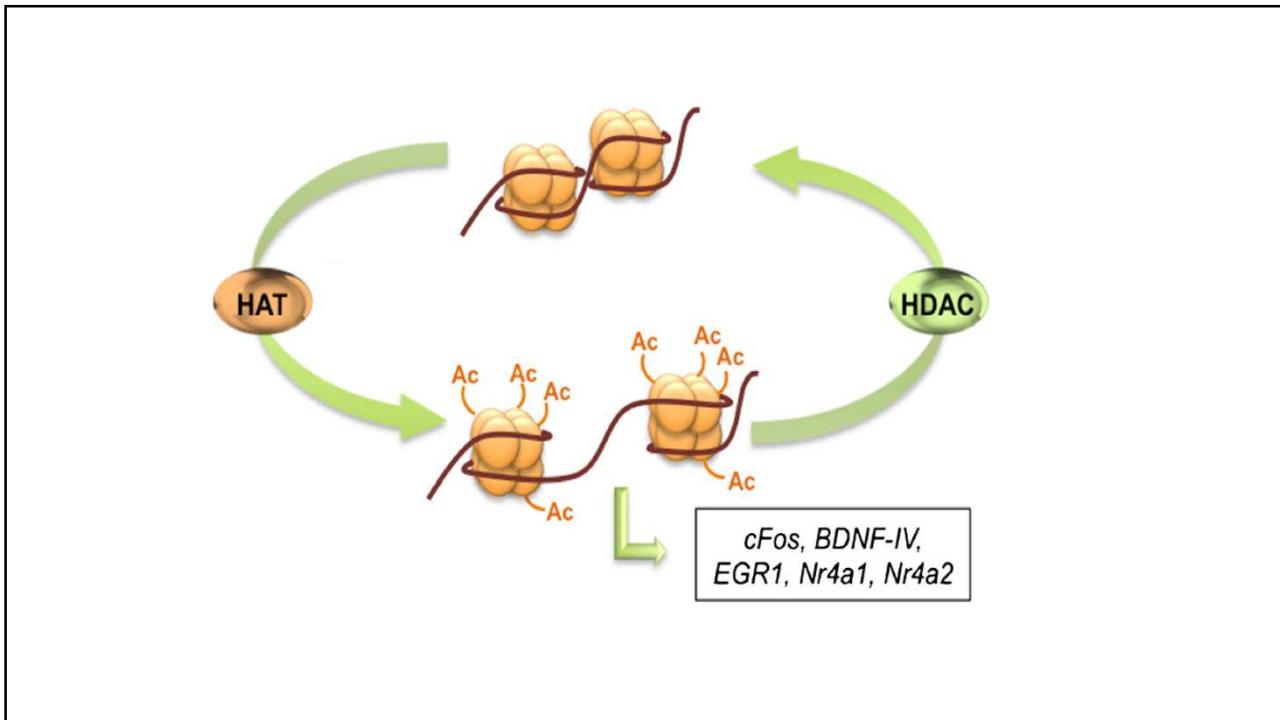
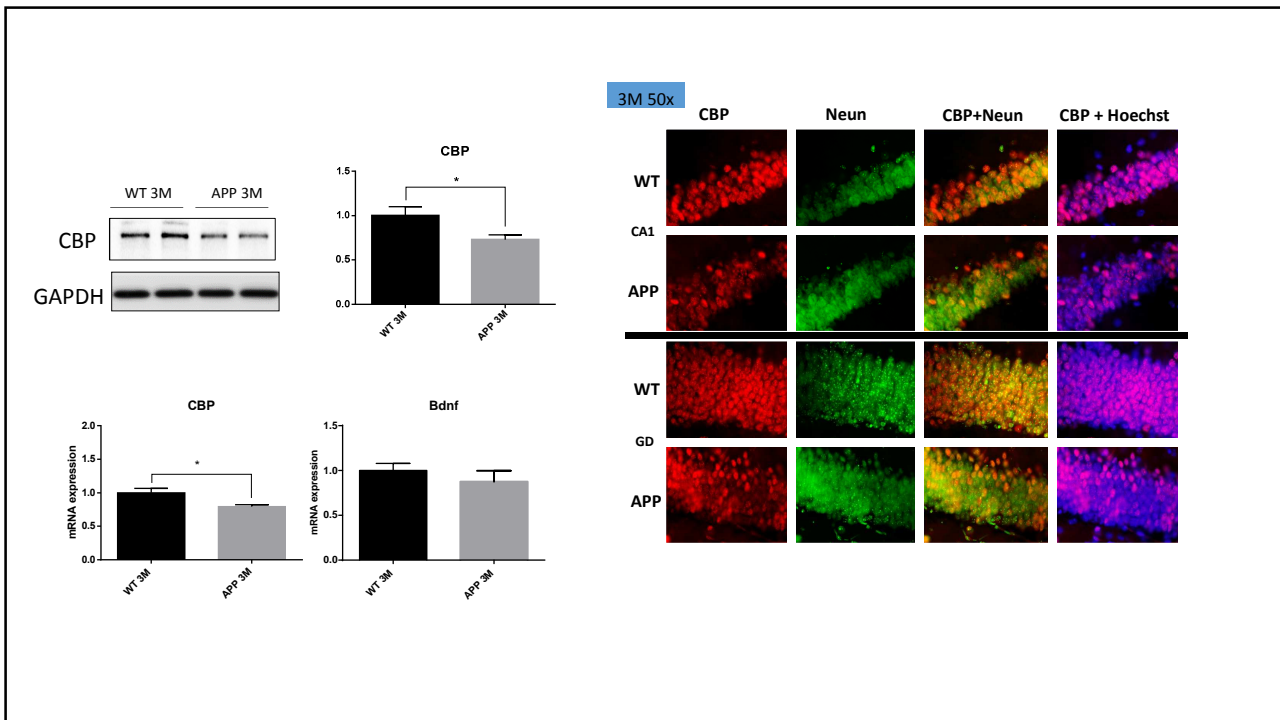
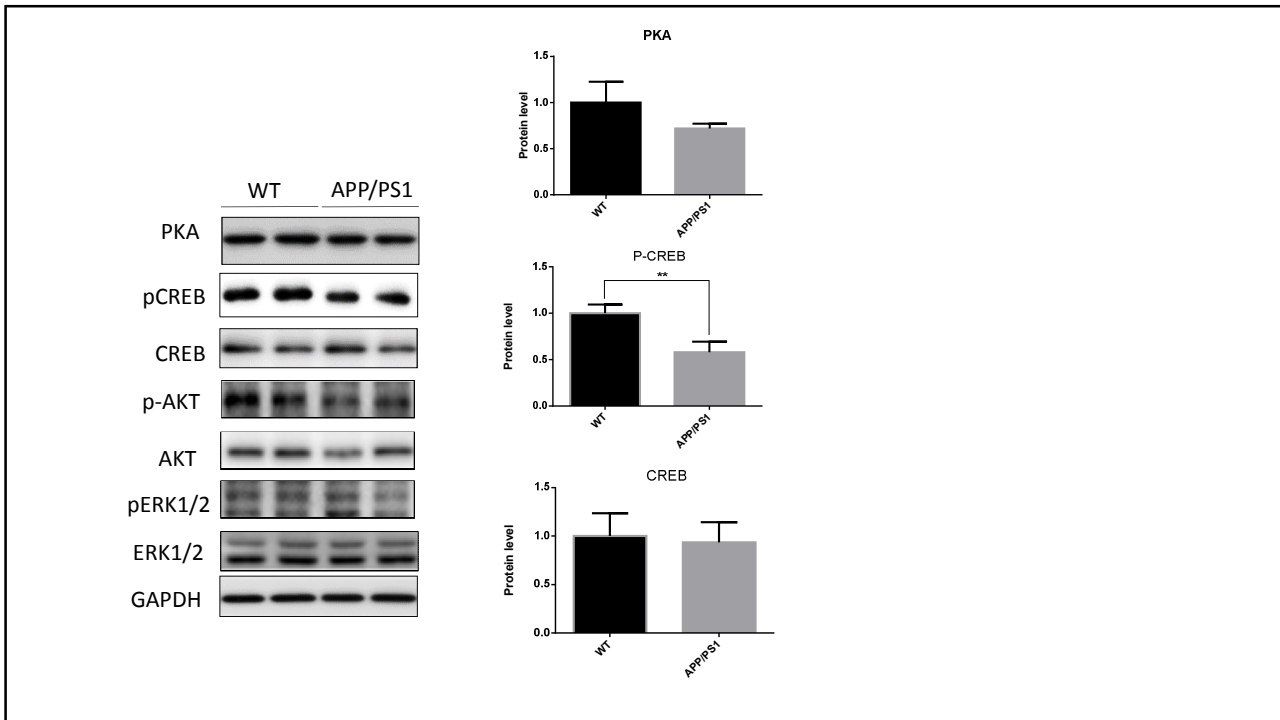
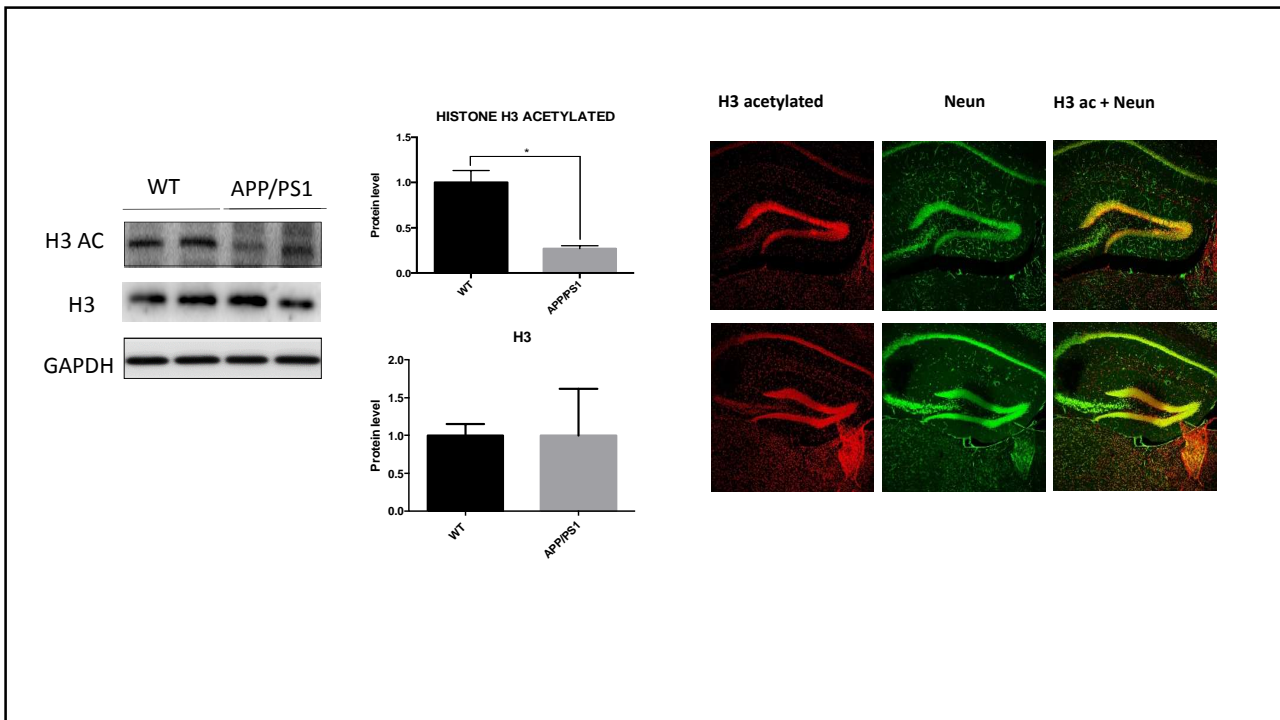


Fig. 6 a Immunohistochemistry against GFAP and b against Iba-1, in 9-month-old mice. Brain sections were obtained from wild-type, transgenic APP^{swE}/PS1^{dE9} mice, and heterozygote APP^{swE}/PS1^{dE9}/Jnk1^{+/-} mice. a In wild type, the astrocytes display a non-reactive morphology (arrows). b, c In APP^{swE}/PS1^{dE9} and APP^{swE}/PS1^{dE9}/Jnk1^{+/-} mice, a

reactive astrocytes (arrow) are located around β -amyloid plaques (A β depositions) (arrowhead). Double immunostaining of glial cells and plaque by thioflavin S: show amyloid plaque (in green) colocalized with astrocytes and microglia (GFAP and Iba 1 in red). Scale bar in (a–c) represents 100 μ m





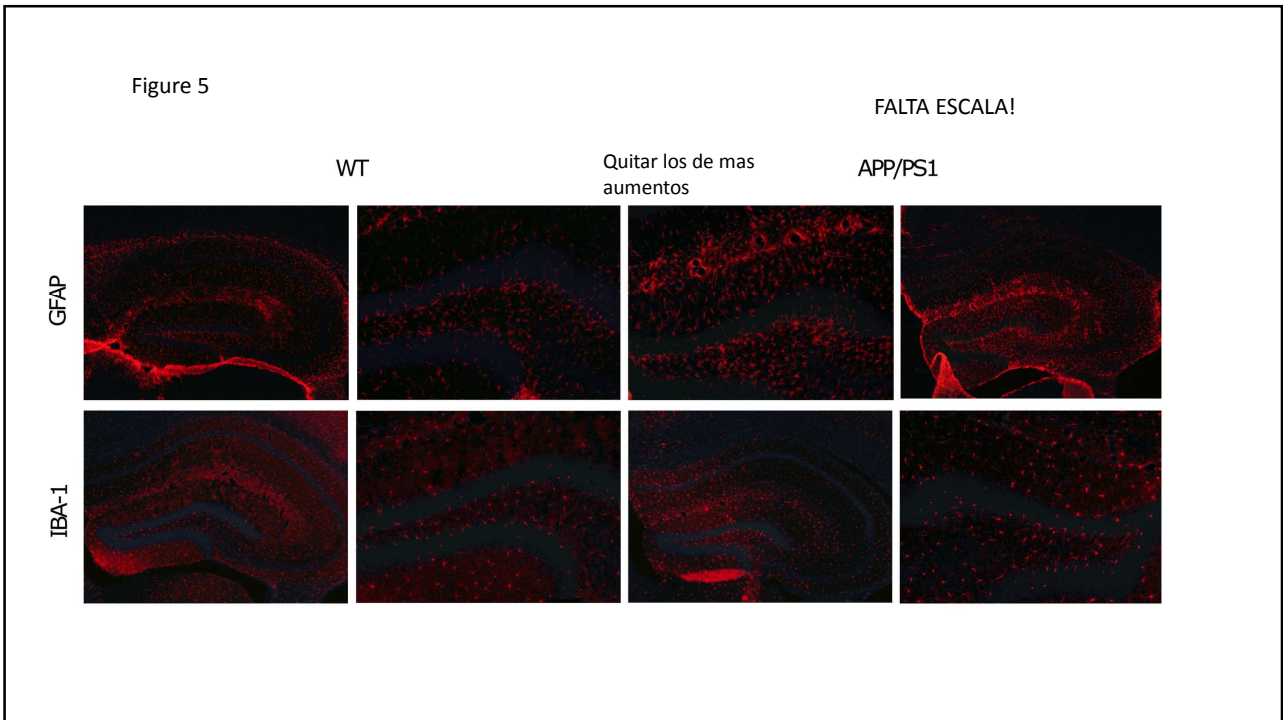
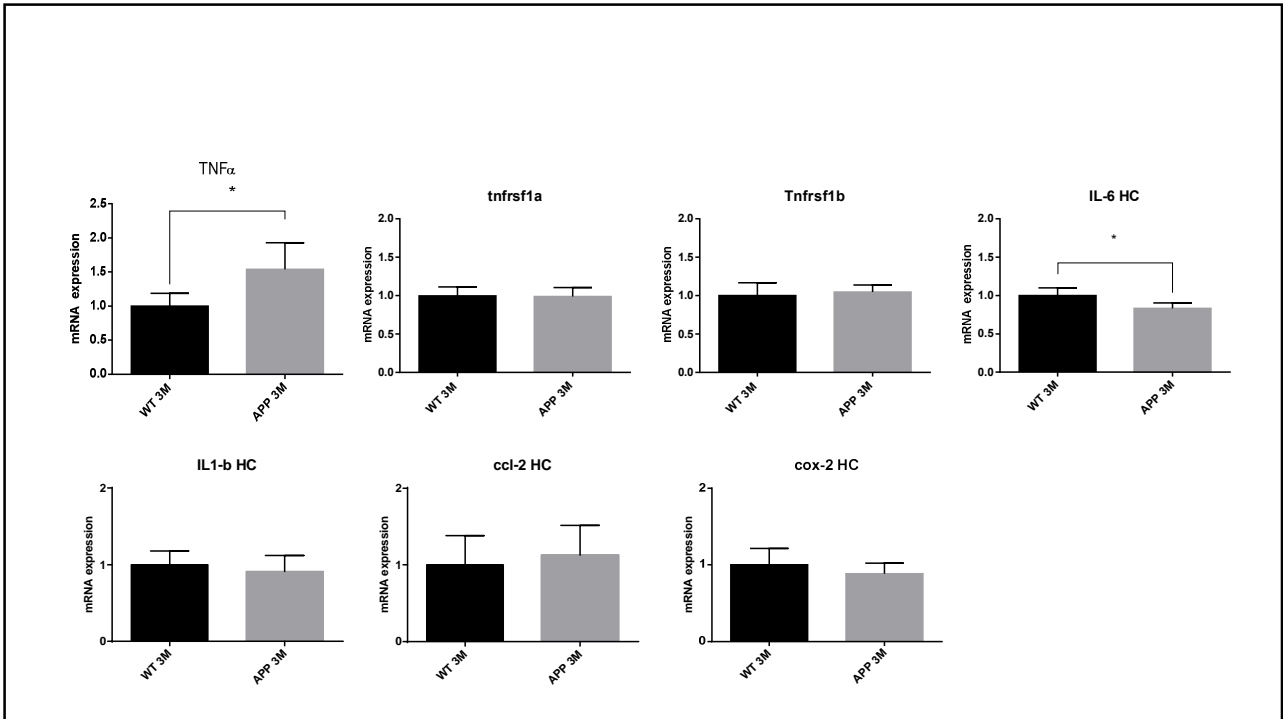
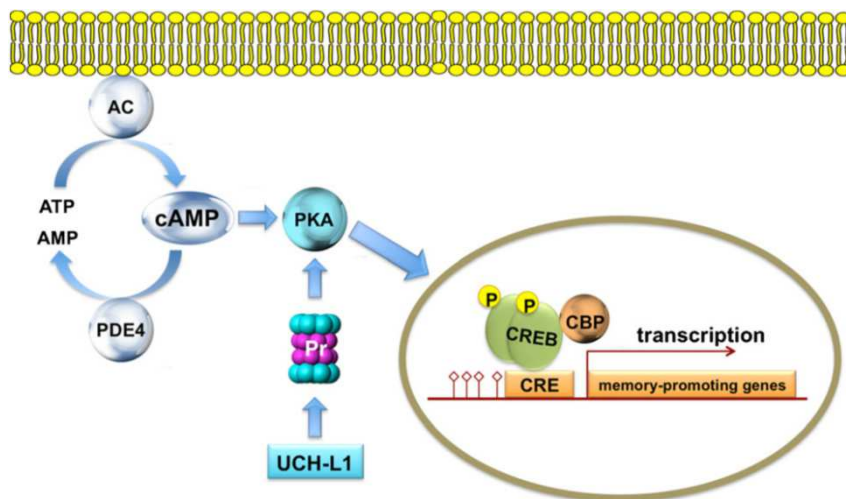
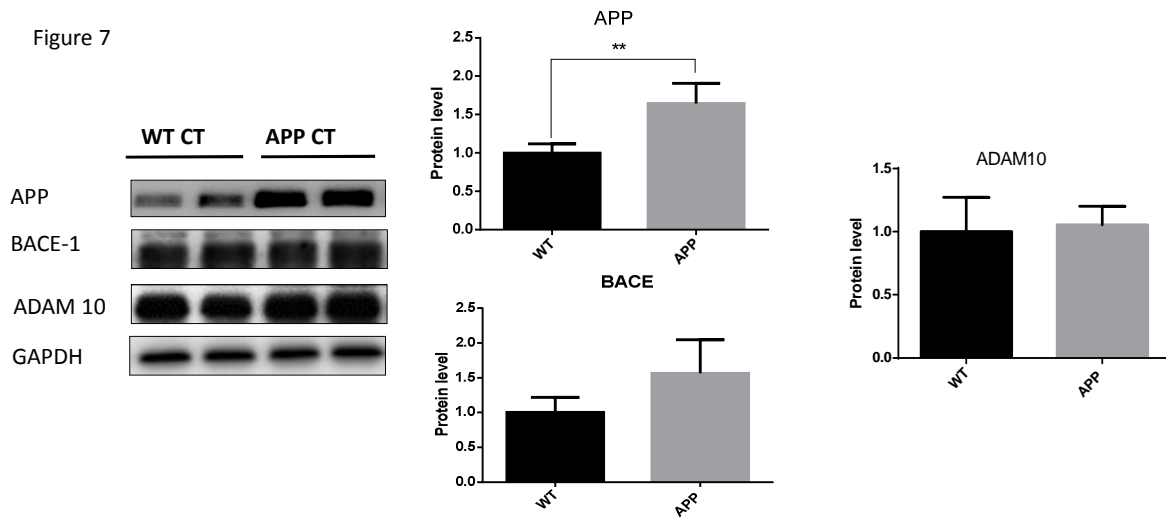
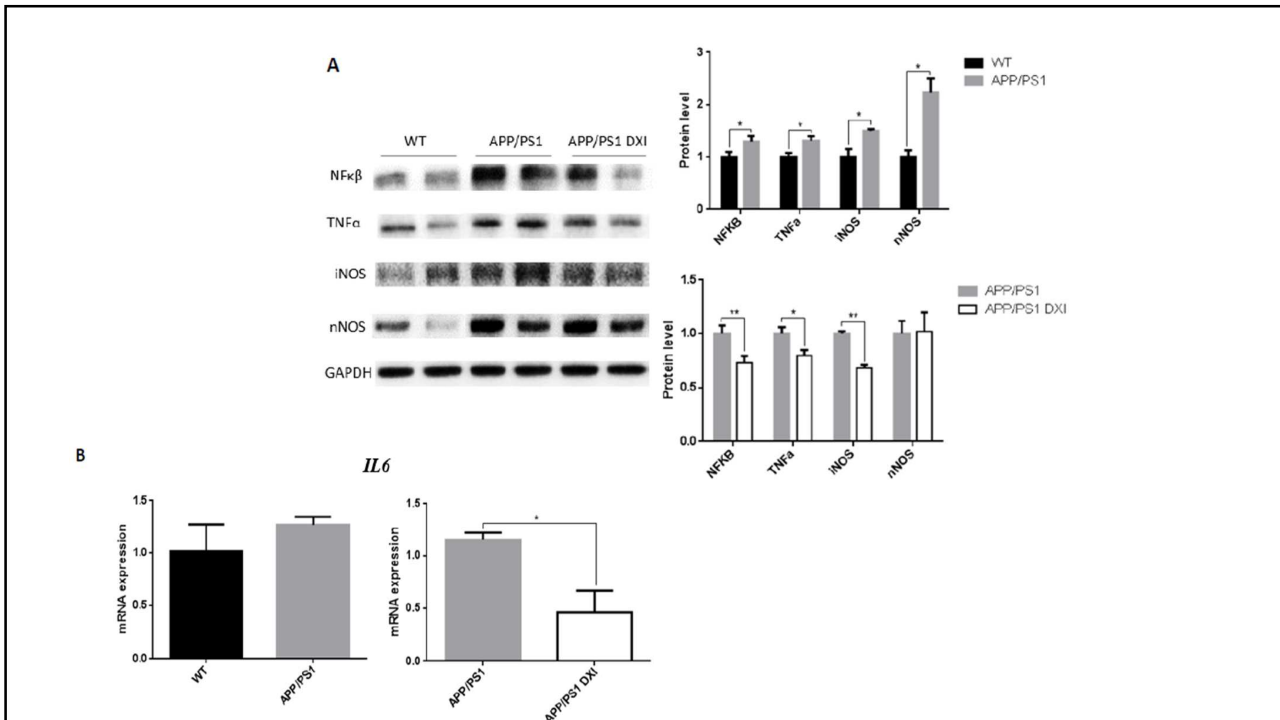
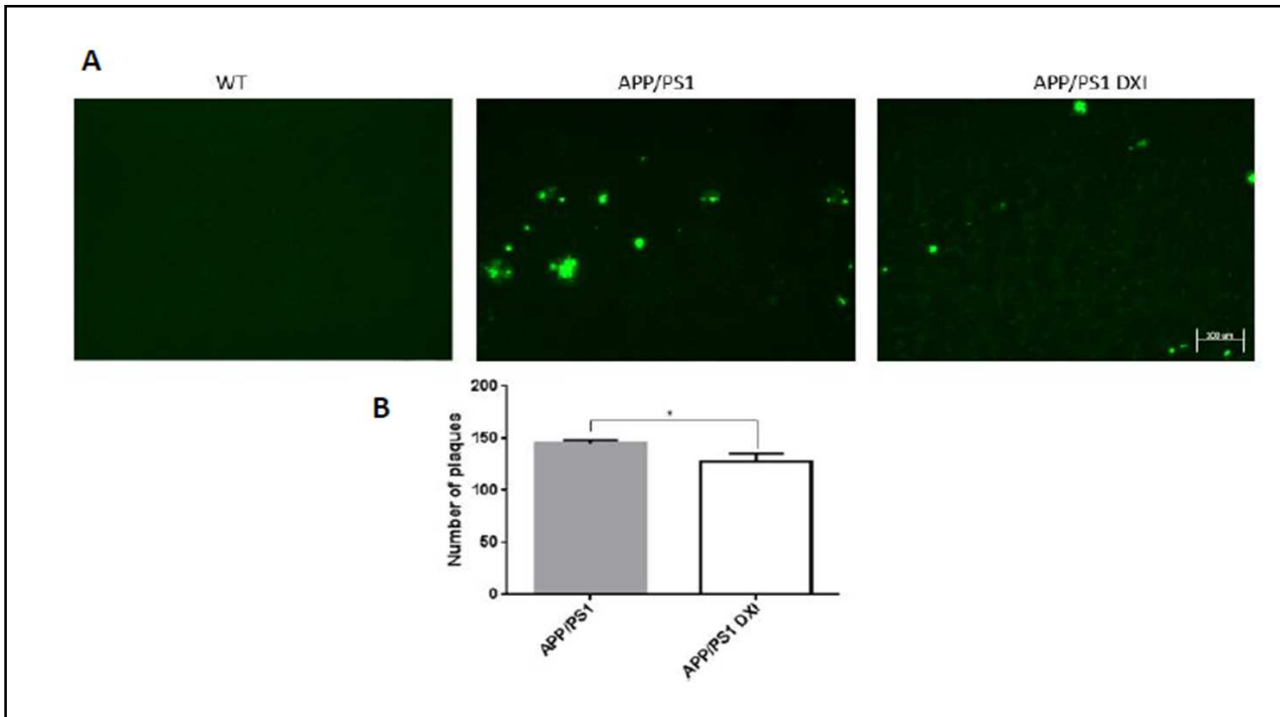
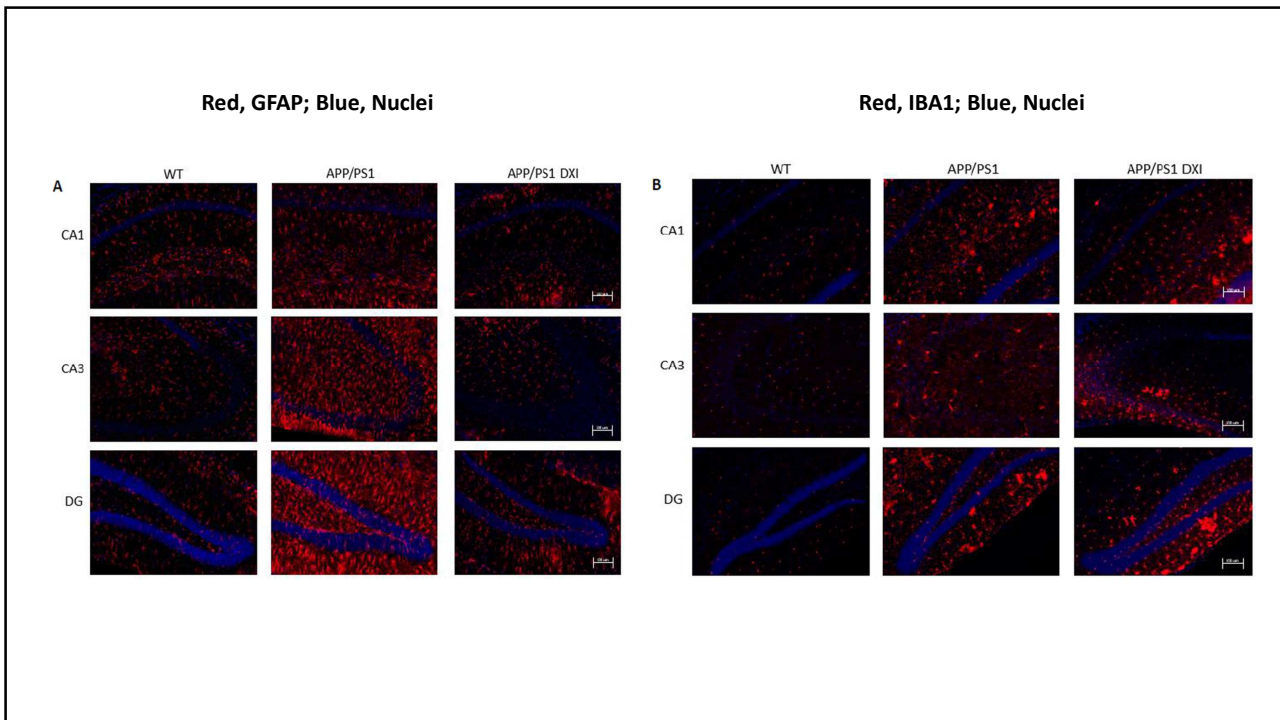


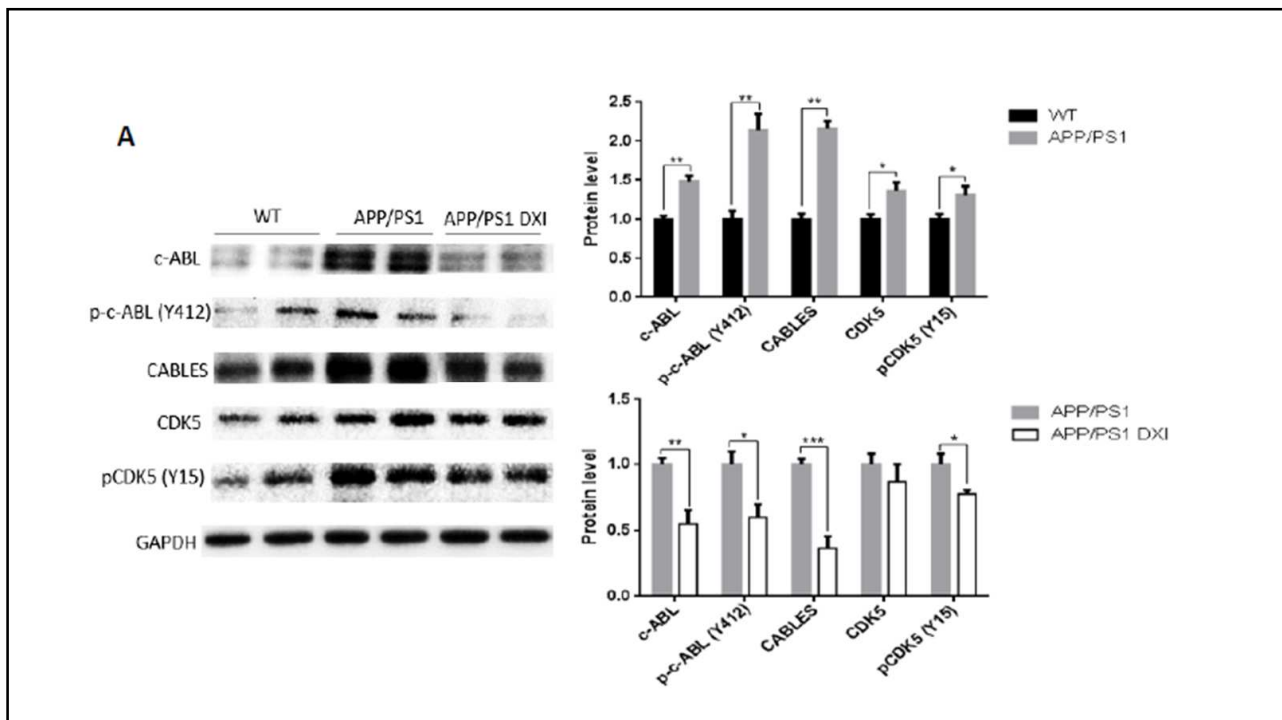
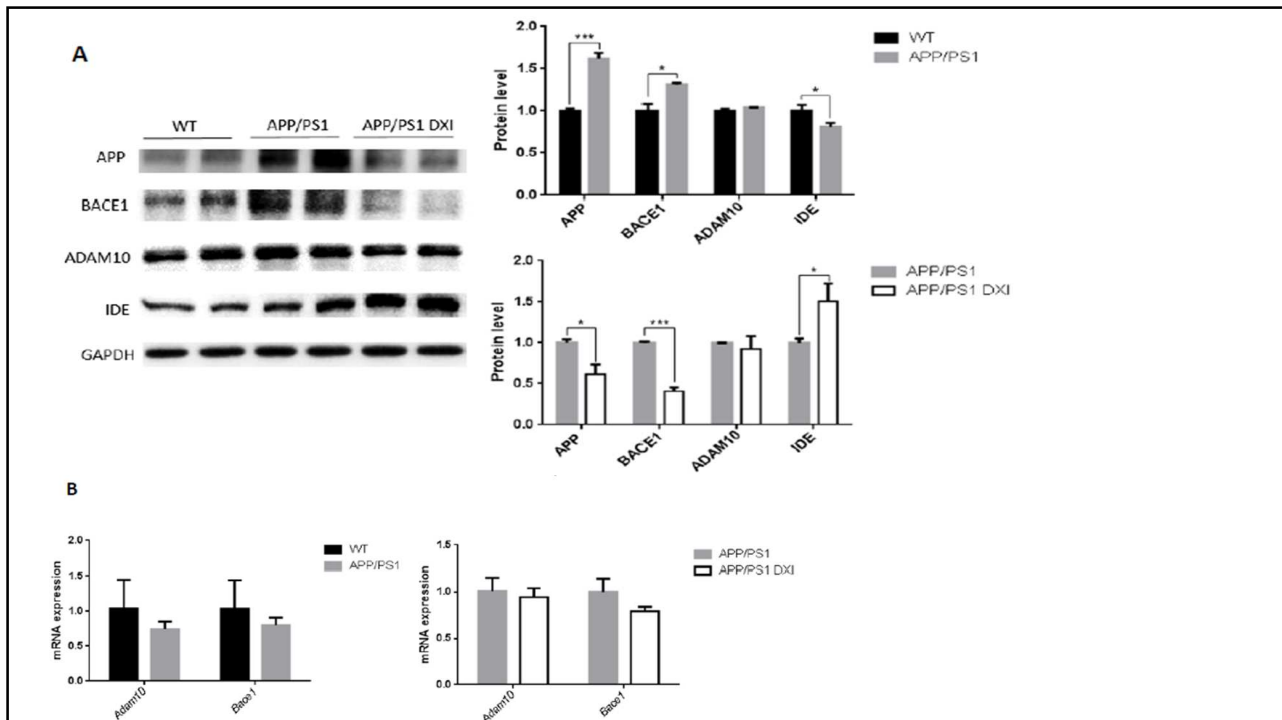
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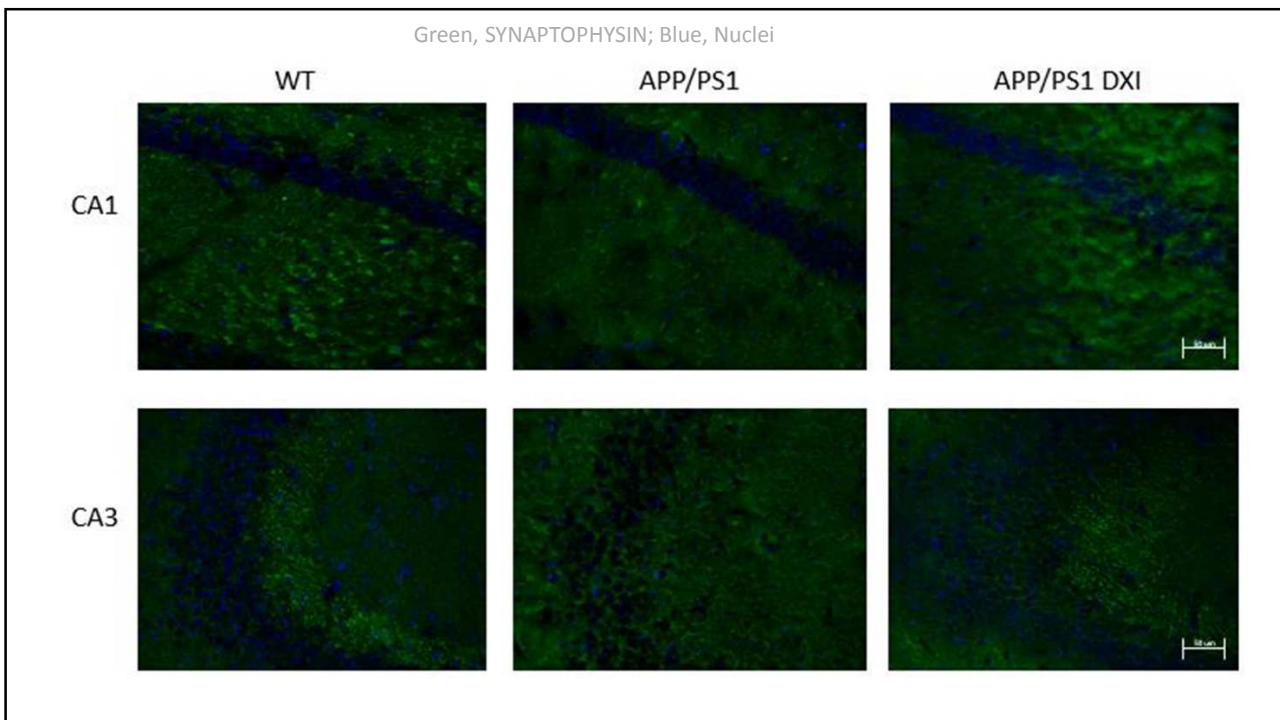
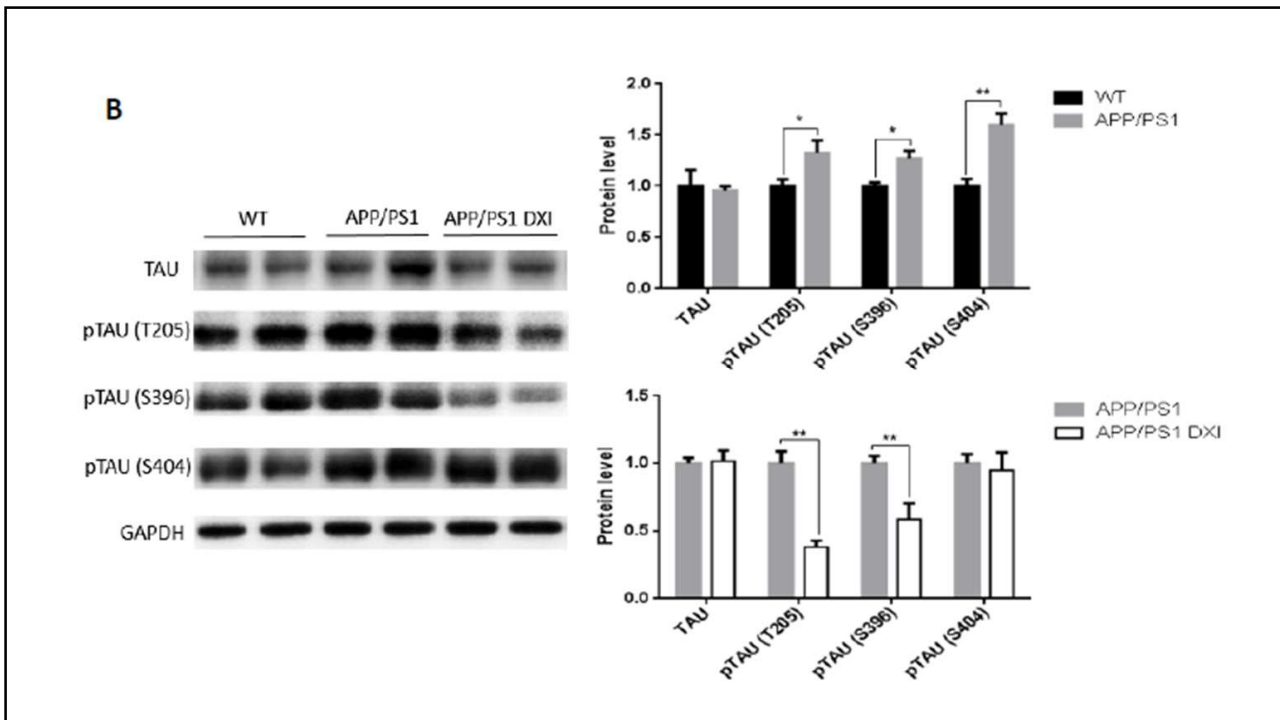


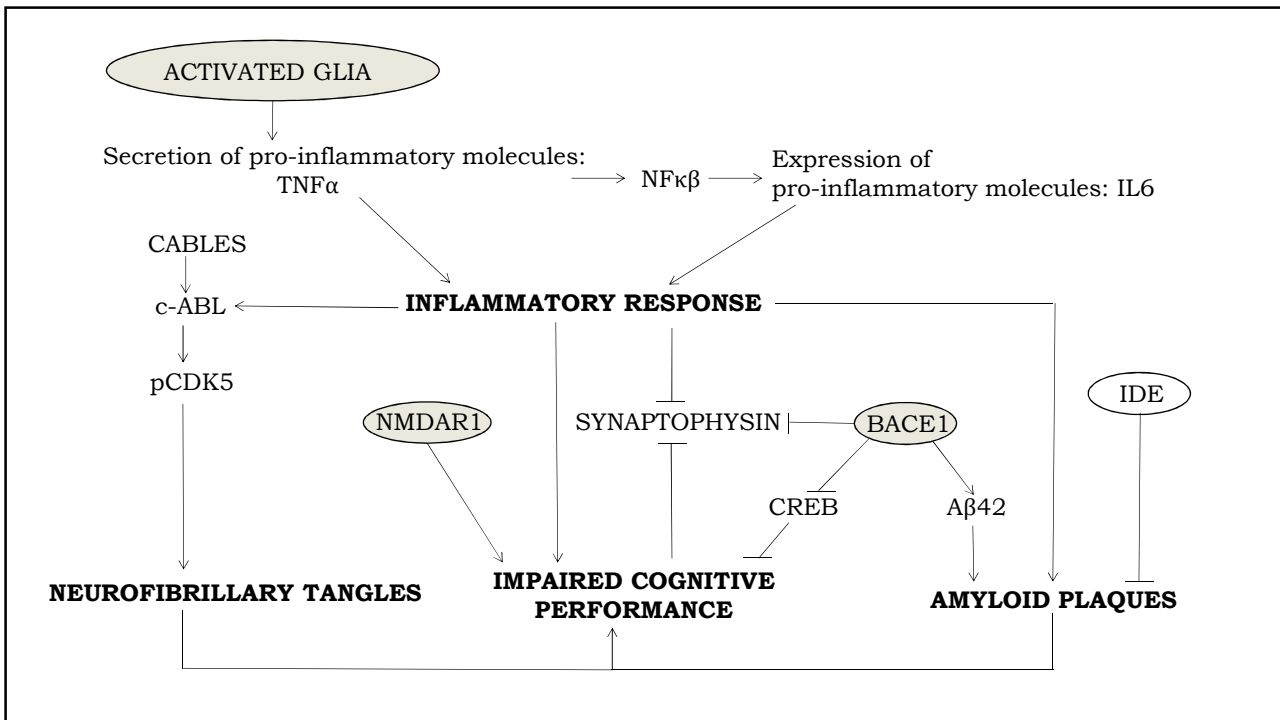
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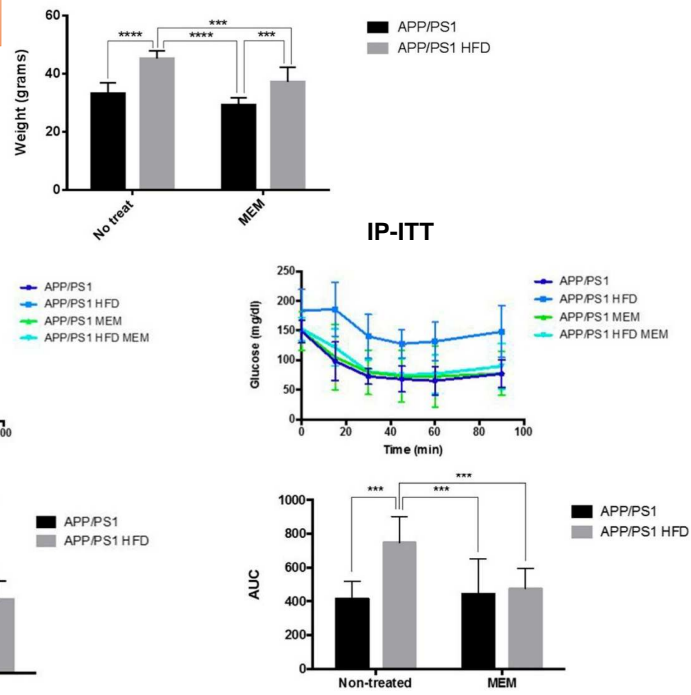






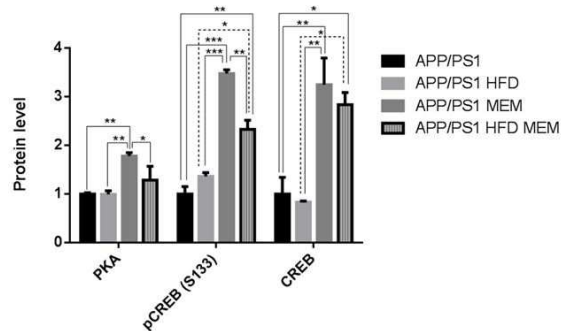
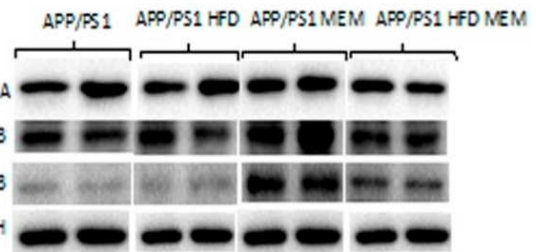
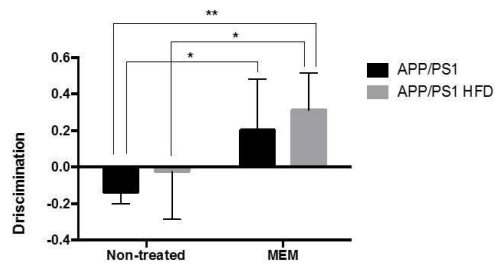
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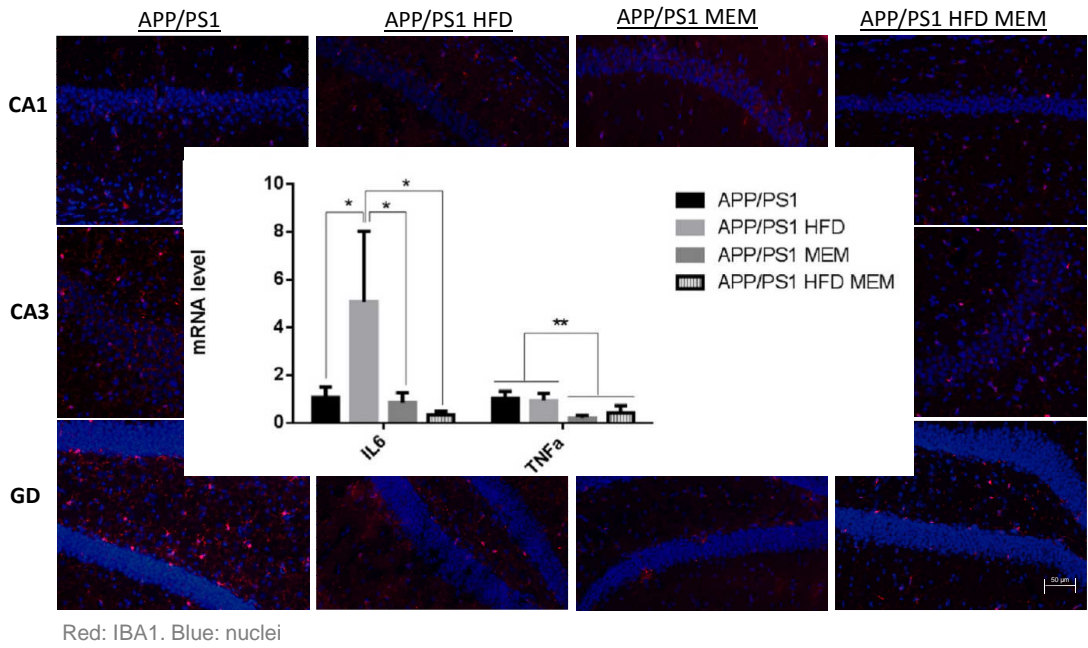


Memory improvement

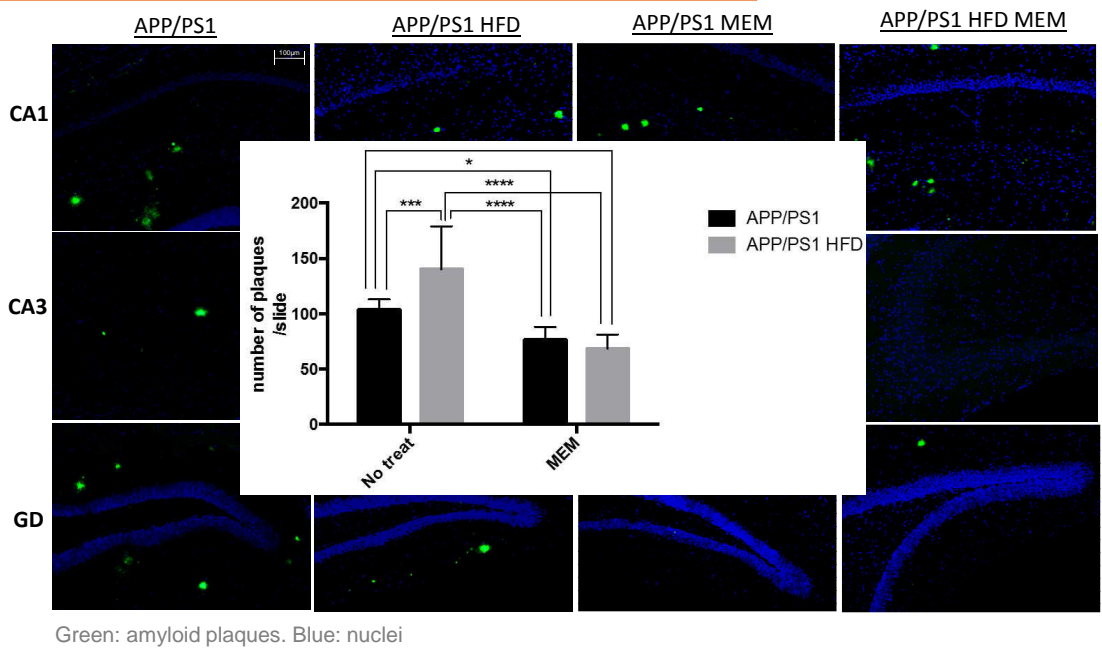
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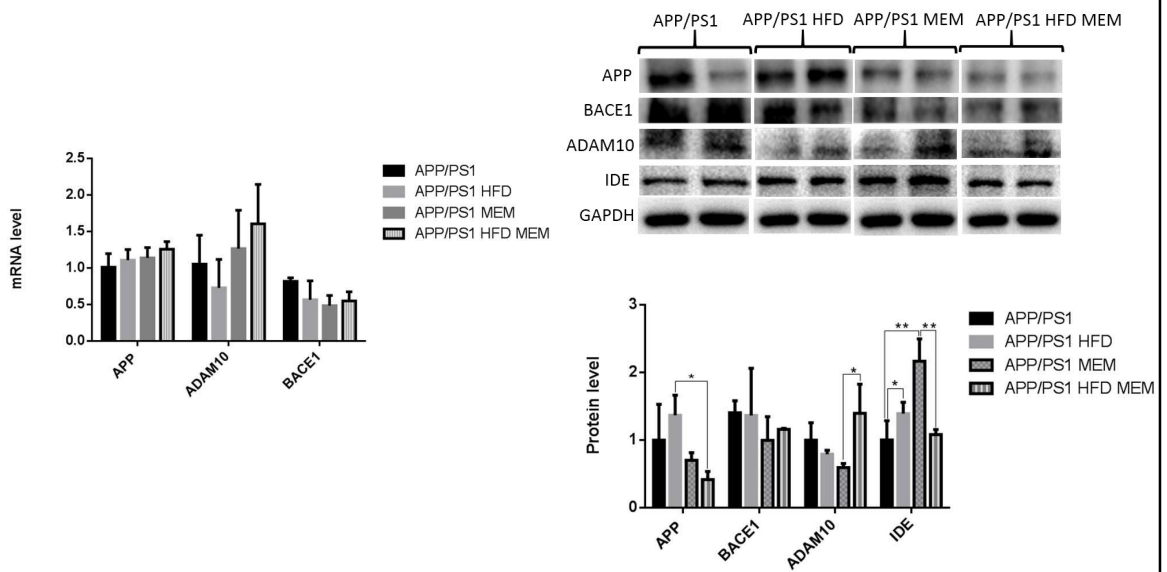
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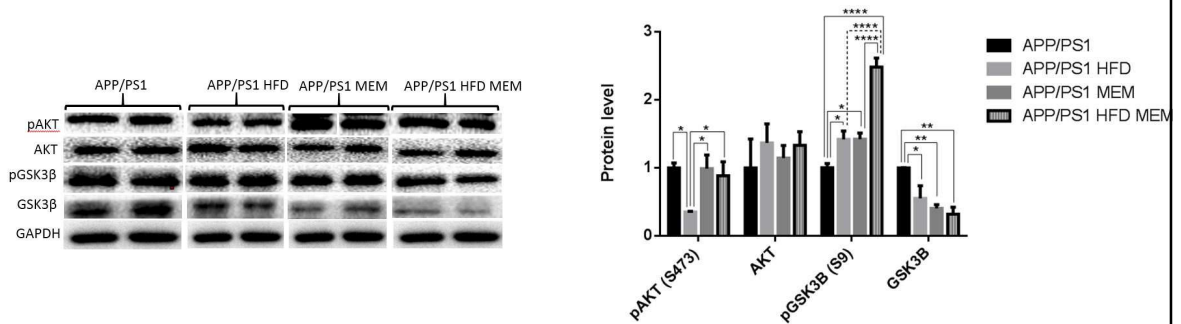
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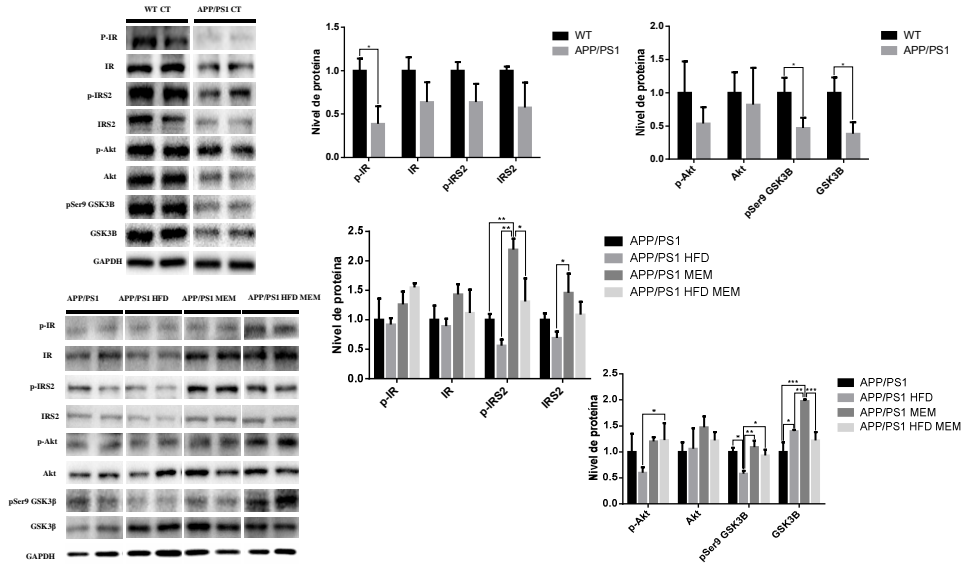
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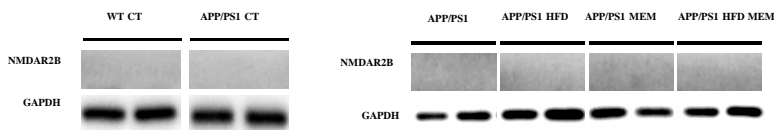


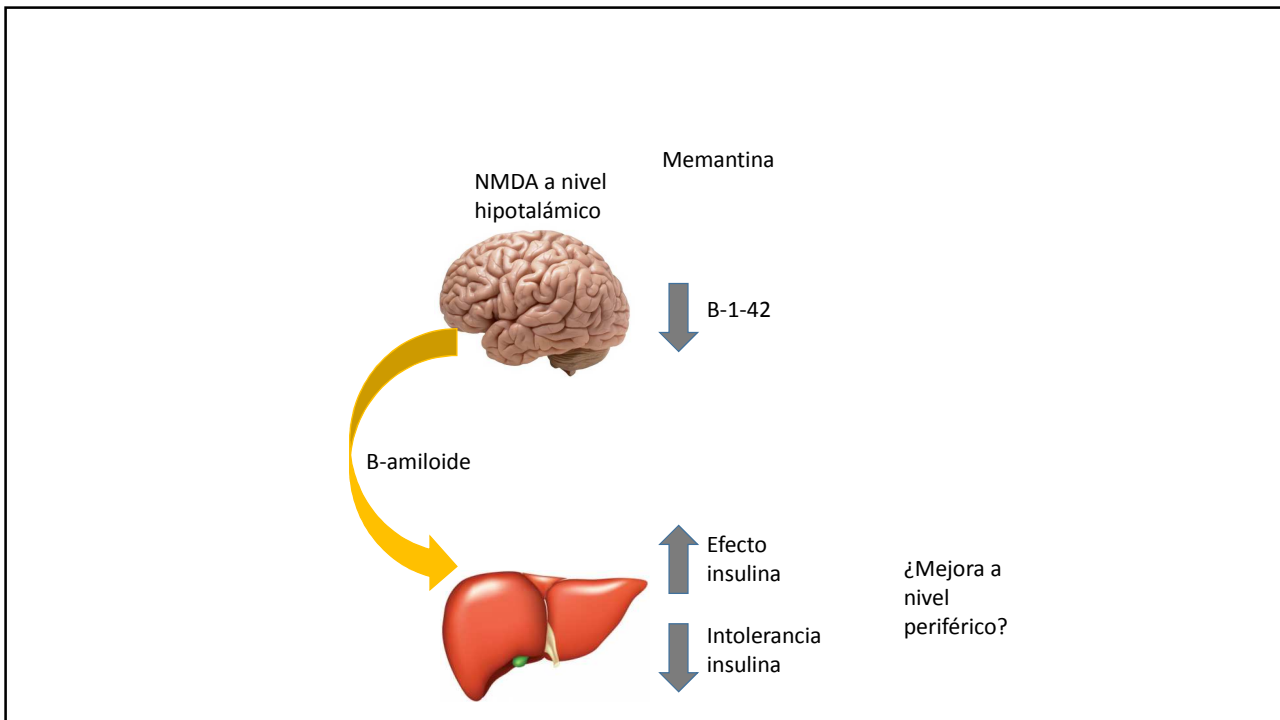
• Resistencia a la insulina



Imágenes representativas de Western Blot y cuantificación de varias proteínas relacionadas con la vía de la insulina en hígado en ratones con la cepa salvaje (WT) y la cepa transgénica (APP/PS1); y en ratones APP/PS1 no tratados Vs ratones APP/PS1 tratados con MEM de 6 meses de edad. Los valores son promedios ± Errores Estándar de la Media (SEM). Se utilizó una t de Student para comparar los grupos WT CT y APP/PS1 CT; y ANOVA de dos vías con la prueba de Tukey, los valores p < 0.05 fueron considerados estadísticamente significativos.

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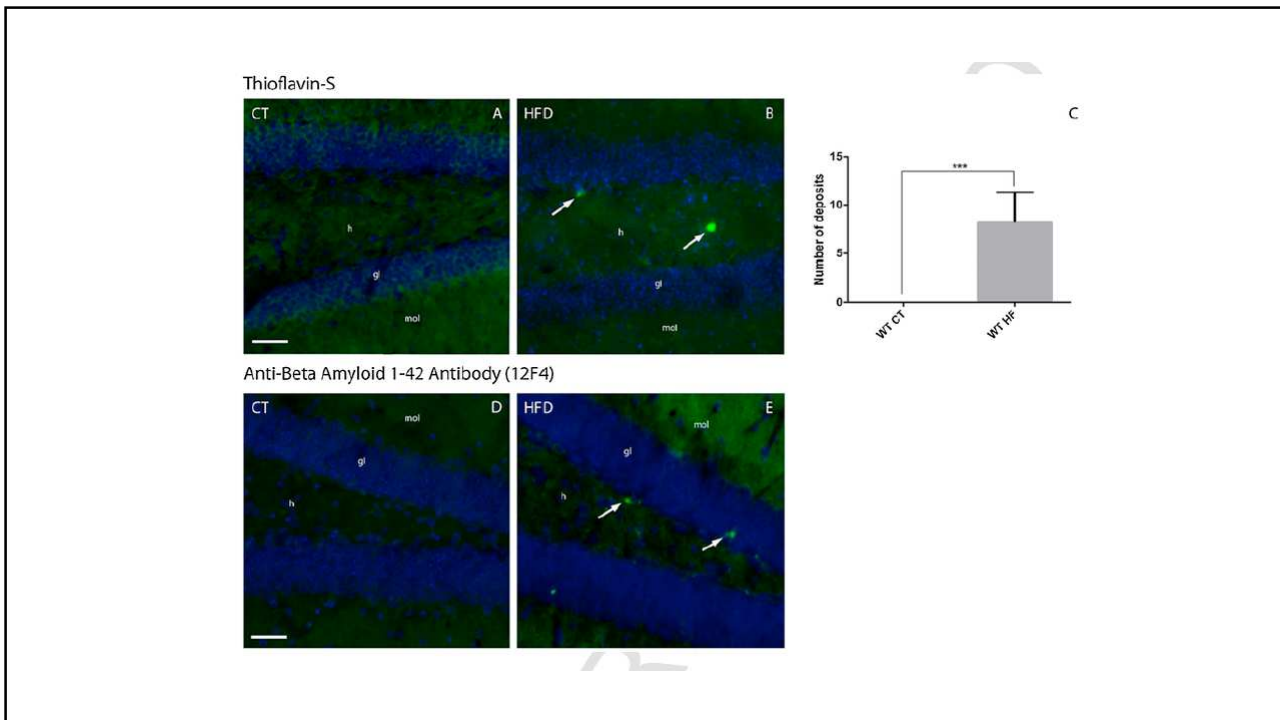
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Participantes: Enfermos de Alzheimer leve o moderado N=104 Durante 4 meses (placebo, 20 IU o 40 IU)

Resultados:

- Mejora de la Memoria “retardada” (delayed)
- Mejoras en la cognición (diferentes test)
- Sin diferencias significativas en los biomarcadores del fluido cerebroespinal. (pTau i β -Amiloide)

- **Insulina Nasal: Fase 3**

Participantes: Enfermos leves de Alzheimer N=240 Durante 12 meses (placebo, 40 UI)